

Schoodic National Scenic Byway
8/21/2006
Minutes

Attending:

- ◆ Andy Sankey, Don Snoke, Peter Drinkwater, Jim Fisher, Brad Vassey
- ◆ John Young – Gouldsboro Harbor Committee
- ◆ Bob LaRoche, Larry Johannesman
- ◆ Joe Brochue, Nancy Horschack

Public Comment

Route 186 reconstruction:

Joe Brochue and Nancy Horschack discussed their concerns about MaineDOT road reconstruction plans on Route 186

They shared a letter sent by David Cole on July 11th letter to residents of West Gouldsboro stating that “The Scenic Byways Committee and other organizations” called for four foot shoulders’ There seems to be no record of this committee advocating a specific width for shoulders.

- ◆ Jim noted that
- ◆ MaineDOT designated this road as a scenic bike tour
- ◆ the byway corridor plan and needs assessment promote safety, but do not specify shoulder widths.
- ◆ The corridor committee did not specify shoulder widths.

Nancy and Joe advocated re-direction of bike traffic onto Clinic Road or re-direction of the scenic byway to Route 195. The town is on record formally opposing moving Route 186 to the Clinic Road.

ACTION: Jim Fisher is instructed to write a letter to David Cole clarifying the position of the Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee

- ◆ Context sensitive design
- ◆ Protection of historic character of village areas
- ◆ Safety for residents and travelers
- ◆ Environmental quality

Prospect Harbor Gateway

Andrew provided an introduction

- ◆ Seeking a gateway for the Prospect Harbor Gateway
- ◆ Compromise - tie the end point for the byway with a scenic / interpretive turnout
- ◆ Pier project – initial commitment of \$30,000
 - Town government used funds to pay for engineering study

- Did not have formal financial approvals
- Need to straighten out the funding
- ◆ Additional piers have been added, changing the project
- ◆ Added a building for bait and fuel – obstructs view of the lighthouse from the shore
- ◆ Town debated whether to use public funds – need to accommodate recreational boats, etc.

Peter

- ◆ Asked whether interpretive signage can be place on the pier – Town answer is no

Brad

- ◆ Looking for a joint project – parking over the crib works, shared by fishermen and visitors
- ◆ If no money can be provided for pier parking

Bob LaRoche

- ◆ Needs to be safe
- ◆ Visitor needs to feel comfortable that they can pull into this spot
- ◆ This location looks very interesting.
- ◆ Need to have adequate signage – visitor parking signs, local stickers for others.

Larry

- ◆ Crib works may not provide any parking if a boat ramp in constructed.
- ◆ The small amount of parking

Roger Wood.... Stinson's worked well with tourism in Belfast and is willing to look at this proposal. Need to be careful not to block the tractor trailer trucks that serve the factory

Peter - Interpretive signage can provide information and way finding assistance

Interpretive Plan

- ◆ Nancy Montgomery has prepared a more specific list of images for the interpretive signs
 - Historic pictures
 - Copy of the History of Sullivan
 - High quality scans / photographs
- ◆ Jim, Larry and Bob will be visiting the Sullivan Historical Society today to see what is available.

Committee needs to be more specific about what they want on each sign

- ◆ Designate what images to present
- ◆ Need to list images the committee feels is suitable for each sign.

Announcements

- ◆ There will be a meeting in Augusta on August 29th to discuss grants and funding for byways.
- ◆ Jim is working with MaineDOT and other byways to prepare a proposal for a scenic preservation workshop. This might be hosted at SERC.

- ◆ The National Scenic Byways conference is next May in Baltimore. Members of the committee are encouraged to attend.

Site Visit to Stinsons (Roger Webber, Brad Vassey, Bob LaRoche, Larry Johannesman, Andrew Sankey, Peter Drinkwater, Don Snoke, Jim Fisher)

Several points were discussed:

- ◆ Construction using federal funds will require significant environmental permitting if work is conducted close to the shore line. Work on the crib and pier should be carried out with local funds to the extent possible.
- ◆ There will not be sufficient parking close to the water. The only clear opportunity to add parking for visitor use is on land owned by Stinsons.
- ◆ The Stinsons site has several appealing characteristics including ready access from the road, good view of the Stinson's Man, sufficient distance from fishing work to avoid conflicts, a fair view of the Prospect Harbor lighthouse.
- ◆ Design work would be required, including access management, paving and striping.

ACTION:

- ◆ Jim and Bob will investigate funding availability.
- ◆ Larry will prepare a sketch of the parking area and send it to Jim, Brad and Roger.
- ◆ Roger will see whether the headquarters is willing to provide an easement to the Town for this project.
- ◆ Brad and Roger will seek an agreement for the Town of Gouldsboro to acquire and easement.