

**Schoodic Scenic Byway
Corridor Management Committee Meeting
09/16/04**

Attending: Frank Dedmon, Barbara Shanahan, John Kelly, Peter Drinkwater, Andrew Sankey,
Jim Fisher

Future Meetings:

Corridor Committee Meeting - Wednesday October 13th at 8:00 AM at the Hancock-Sullivan
Bridge - tour the byway for signage.

Public meeting about the ANP-Schoodic Plan - October 20th - 7:00 PM Sumner HS

Announcements

- Jim noted that he guided cyclists from Machias to Gouldsboro as part of the East Coast Greenway Tour from Calais to Key West. That group camped overnight at Birch Harbor.
- Jim announced that MDOT intends to employ someone to help coordinate byway needs and planned Sullivan Route 1 improvements.

New Gateway Sign

- Everyone is happy with the sign
- How will we protect it from winter salt and sand?
 - blue tarp – generally not supported
 - take the sign down – need to see how it is mounted
 - put a clear Plexiglas cover in front - Jim will check on prices

Long Cove

- The new outhouse is very basic - but functional and getting a lot of use
- Barbara spoke with Victor and had the construction sign removed
- The Ice Age trail will be putting Long Cove on the Map We will be creating an interpretive sign on this theme.

Prospect Harbor Gateway

- Light house looks nice
- target construction of gateway kiosk for next spring.

Byway signage plan

- Barbara recommends a drive-through for the next committee meeting
- Set for Wednesday, October 13th at 8:00 AM at the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge

Route 1 improvement

- Hancock construction is moving quickly
- concerns about impacts of construction
 - business disruption
 - landscaping
 - complaints about traffic

- need to educate people that the byway is not the cause of current, temporary disruptions
- Utility pole is still placed in the gateway area. Peter will speak with the engineer about whether it can be moved or replaced with a support pole on the other side of the highway.
- Sullivan construction delayed
 - public meeting in late autumn,
 - work beginning in 2005, ending 2006
 - MDOT hiring a liaison to work with byway on design and implementation

New signage

- John Kelly noted that new signage will be needed for the SERC. They will be writing a signage plan in the future
- Signage in Winter Harbor is improving but not done
- Chamber of Commerce Sign -still need to take action on permanently repairing the damage from the car crash.

Interpretive Plan – Jim distributed copies of the interpretive plan -

- Page 25 - "with up to 800 traps in the water" (not the 1,000 mentioned)
- The caption for the Prospect Harbor Lighthouse was lost in a graphic error.
- ANP- Schoodic has completed a draft cultural landscape inventory –
 - includes archeological and historical information.
 - Biological information in the Maine Natural Areas program is a good summary source of biological information.
 - John noted that the park has funds for an interpretive plan.
 - Going to remove the large sign at Frazer's Point. Will be replaced with low profile signs.
- The Chamber is looking for ways to convert the pump house in Winter Harbor to a visitor information kiosk. FOS is not interested in staffing this site. Note that FOS may merge with FOA.

Public Involvement – High School Partnership

- Peter noted that high school students are required to work on a community project
- Suggest that a junior be assigned to work on a
- Bob Slaven - manages the program
- Jim needs to follow up on this.

Winter Harbor Light House

- Advertised for sale is under contract but not closed
- MCHT is interested in putting an easement on the light house and will be working with ANP on a historic easement.

Filing as a Maine Not-for-profit Corporation - Jim distributed copies of paperwork

- Forms required for filing – will need names and physical addresses of committee
- Bylaws
- Corridor Committee Representation
 - Frank and Barbara - Sullivan

- Andrew, (Brad) - Gouldsboro
- Peter (Roger) - Winter Harbor
- Setting expectations
 - Communicate between the committee, the towns and MDOT
 - attend at least two meetings per year