

Schoodic Byway Corridor Meeting
10/3/2013
Minutes

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Eve Wilkinson, Gary Edwards, Dick Fisher, Peter Drinkwater, Ruth Fanzius, Jim Fisher

Vegetation Management

- Taunton Bay Gateway
 - need more consistent clearing and brushing
 - particularly the landscaping around the monument
 - **Action: Possible voluntary groups to manage plantings**
 - boy scouts – Ruth Franzius will approach Gary Hunt about boy scouts
 - Hiltz Nursery (voluntary – with small sponsorship sign) – Jim will talk with them
 - garden club – not currently active
- Dunbar's Frenchman Bay Turnout
 - Concern about water running off and eroding land along Benvenuto Avenue
 - Trees are growing along Miramar Road and beginning to obstruct the view
 - **Action: Jim contact owners to see whether we can remove some of the fast growing trees**
 - Knotweed is taking over the embankment to the turnout - Options
 - Dig it out
 - Apply an herbicide
 - Mow more frequently
- Young's Market Frenchman Bay Turnout
 - Property owners – Bruce Yasgur is interested in more vegetation cutting
 - This might be possible along with signage improvement
- Moore Road intersection
 - Corner needs to be trimmed – bushes are blocking signage
 - Road realignment would change things significantly
- Prospect Harbor
 - town maintained
 - No problems at this time

Activities and Events

- Winter Harbor Business / Art incubator
 - Old Winter Town Hall is now leased by Schoodic Arts for All They have created a business incubator
 - Renting space for approx. \$1.75 / square foot
 - Large space available on the second floor
- Winter Harbor arts events – see SAFA
- Gouldsboro planning a 225 year celebration next summer
- Sullivan may also be planning a 225 year celebration next summer
- Winter Harbor 50th Anniversary of the Lobster Festival next summer

Winter Harbor Unspent Balance of funds

- Approximately \$70K unspent funds
- Project options
 - Winter Harbor Information Building – *First Choice*
 - Owner: Katie Armstrong
 - Create a public restroom (subsequently)
 - Town participation
 - Parking space

Owner Martha Armstrong (Katie)
 PO Box 2006, Kent, CT 06757, (860) 927-6201
 Assessed Value \$10,200 + \$500 = approx. \$10,700
 - Sergeant Road Sidewalk
 - Need to get an engineering estimate
 - Length is 1,000 feet, so cost with engineering would need to be only \$70/foot or matching funds would be needed
 - Need to find out if MaineDOT is going to require additional matching funds
 - Moore Road Bicycle access
 - Improve slope and safety for cyclists
 - New intersection alignment
 - Jim will check with Sam Coplon about ROW, etc.
 - Prospect Harbor Sidewalk
 - Design is complete for a sidewalk in Prospect Harbor – local match is approximately \$50,000 – might see whether we can provide some of the match
 - Question of Federal/Federal match problem
 - Prospect Harbor
 - Relocation of a utility pole from the gateway site
 - Probably not permitted with these funds

Kids Quest

- Little progress to report on most sites – summer was very slow indeed.
- Priorities
 1. Order Telescope for Frenchman Bay
 - Looking into Ali Baba as a way to reduce middle-man costs
 - Larry believes we need to the dual scope solution to meet ADA needs
 2. Build Prospect Harbor Bridge
 - Gouldsboro subcommittee will meet again to work on details
 - Should the bridge be a local effort?
 3. Design, build and install interpretive signs
 - Prospect Harbor
 - Gordon’s Wharf
 - Camp Moore
 - Tidal Falls
 - Long Cove

Sullivan – Gordon’s Wharf

- Handicap ramp
 - No bids received

- Larry Indicated there might not be sufficient funds
- Might be able to do a change order for ramp and railing
- Drive construction
 - One bid – a little high, but negotiable with Kevin Barbee Construction
 - Construction in the fall
- Interpretation
 - Gary met with Obi Buell – Quarry Road – Whales back road
 - Still willing to work on the exhibit

Blue Star

- A new sign and post have arrived at the Sullivan Town Office to be installed at the Frenchman Bay Turnout
- Discussion about location options
 - sign closer to Dunbar's
 - sign close to western entrance
 - Larry – OK with either location, provided it doesn't obstruct the Scenic View
- Location of telescope is pivotal
 - Center of turnout – coastal view including marina
 - Close to Dunbar's – mountain view
- **Action: Jim will work with town to install the sign**

Long Cove

- Another granite post has broken –two broken posts
- Recommend another strategy such as rocks or curbing
- **Action: Jim will work with Larry to identify an alternative buffer for the privy**

Grants and Promotions Opportunities

- SHIP – no applications planned for this cycle
 - Gouldsboro going ahead on their own to reconstruct South Gouldsboro facility
- Planning Grants
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Marketing / Visitor Information

- Maine Tourism Marketing Partnership
 - DART
 - Encourage new ideas
 - Ideas
- Maine Invites You Maine Invites You
 - Peter noticed – Description left out for Schoodic Byway
 - DART purchase a full page that lists all the downeast byways
- Maine's Best Regional Guide
 - **Action: Jim- check in with Studio 3 about next year's publication**

Next Meeting

- Thursday, October 31st 8:30 AM at the Winter Harbor Town Office