

Schoodic Byway Meeting
10/12/05
Minutes

Attending: Peter Drinkwater, Barbara Shanahan, Don Snoke, Jim Fisher, Larry Johannesman, Andrew Sanky (delayed)

National Conference

- Jim - will take most materials Peter will bring Chamber of Commerce Brochures

Gateway

Larry reviewed the current status of the gateway monument

- MaineDOT wants to pour the foundation in the next week or two
 - Buell Brothers hopes to have the great stone out in a few weeks
 - We will have a look at it and photograph the process
1. Restrooms
 2. Landscaping
 3. Interpretive signage
 4. Kiosk
 5. Committee recommends closing the entrance during the winter months
 6. Still need to remove the excess utility pole that served the construction trailer.
 7. Interpretive signage should start this winter
 8. Build trails as proposed for the gateway facility

Frenchman Bay

Design approved

Engineering fitting the design into the road construction project

Sullivan Parcel (West/Small Lot)

Bob LaRoche may have information

This may be done at the same time as acquiring easements from the Sullivan Harbor Foundation

Long Cove

Hope to have the outhouse closed during the winter.

Gravel area across from Long Cove - pave the apron and add a median strip.

Blue Star Memorial Sign - Sullivan Garden Club is fixing the sign and will reinstall it.

Trash Pick Up

Interest in tying together a MaineDOT spring clean up with a Sumner High School Internship

Barbara Shanahan will help to make the connections

Prospect Harbor

Still looking for a gateway facility to be located in Prospect Harbor.

Select board was non-committal to Ben Walter's proposal for placement of the historic bell.

1. Special Town meeting will be held to decide whether to keep the original or replica liberty bell
2. Town is concerned about losing space between the buildings

3. Bell might not go in the kiosk at any rate

(Note: some interesting new designs for a bell-tower kiosk were presented at the byway conference.)

Dorcass Library or other location should be considered.

Leadership in Gouldsboro is asking why we are proposing

Action: Jim write a letter to the select board

- goals for the byway
- funds available, but not forever
- need to decide on a location
- separate from the pier/parking areas
- consider alternate locations
- integrate veterans memorial into project?

Plan to present byway progress report and options at first available select board meeting (possibly on (November 3rd).

Winter Harbor downtown revitalization

Town is putting to bid (with Dirigo Engineering) the village portion of the project

MaineDOT will bid the highway portion

- Sam Coplon is working on the park
- Victor Rydlizky is working on the village plan

Masonic Lodge - Moving by the School

Strategic Planning

Reviewed our 2000 six year action plan

Regional Changes

Calais Sunrise Trail is being planned. Consider how to link the byway to this new corridor.

Fermata study – proposes coordinating thematic tours from Ellsworth to Calais.

Partnership

- Signage – project to integrate signage with ANP
- Look for other partnership opportunities with ANP
- Institutionalize the relationship

State Public Reserve Lands

- future of Donnell Pond - Tunk Lake area
- integration with State Parks
- Share use trail - need maps - add maps to our website for download and printing.
- institutionalize the relationship with Bureau of Parks and Land

Other Ideas

Purchase scenic corridor - Moore Road

Compete shoulder paving along Route 186 from Winter Harbor Agency to Route 1

Improved roads connecting Route 1 to Calais Sunrise Trail