

**Schoodic Byway  
10/18/11  
Prospect Harbor Gateway  
Minutes**

**Attending:** Barbara Shanahan, Eve Wilkinson, Peter Drinkwater, Dick Fisher, Barbara Bowen, (others?)

**Field Visit:** Group started the meeting at the improved gateway facility



- Overall: Very happy with the improvements at the site
  - Granite sculpture (US Bell will be making bronze plaques)

- Parking area
- Barbara Bowen- concerned about narrowing of roadside parking in front of the community center
- Note: Erosion into culvert should be easy to correct, but culvert is filling with sand.
- Visibility of the lighthouse for west-bound traffic
  - Moving the town sign toward the road and a little west may open up visibility
- Location for the interpretive panel
  - Three or four sided panel?
  - What content
- Veterans bench
  - Has been donated by Cole Transportation museum
  - Town / veterans group is raising funds for the foundation
- Granite or other stone benches
  - Schoodic arts would like additional granite benches at the site
  - Suggest two benches – one near the sculpture and one near the light house
- Thoughts about using sponsorships to pay for benches, gardens and other amenities
- Proposed new town sign
  - Committee likes the new design
  - Suggest granite curbing around the base – town has identified some curbing that is stored at the MaineDOT lot in Gouldsboro and possibly Cherryfield
  - Avoid tagging on additional signs to the town sign (as is happening currently)



### Safe Routes to Schools Grant

- Gouldsboro was awarded approximately \$28,000 in SRTS
- Dorcas Library committed funds for matching - \$7,000
- Cost estimates for the entire project were approximately \$300,000
  - \$265,000 project cost
  - Town would be obligated for 20%
  - Town would be expected to raise \$53,000 for matching the construction
  - The Selectmen present voted against raising \$53,000 matching funds for the sidewalk
- Barbara Bowen –several property owners are willing to donate land for a sidewalk
- Dan Stewart will meet with the Board of Selectmen on November 22 (proposed) and discuss the options. The board is willing to discuss this again.

### Gordon's Wharf

- Engineer is scheduled to spend Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> on site with a drilling company to test the stability of the wharf

- Committee will need to form a consensus about next steps, including site improvements, interpretation and site amenities

### **Interpretive Planning**

New funding has been awarded. Committee will need to determine additional sites for signage. Each of the towns is asked to contribute matching funds for this project. Jim will see whether other in-kind (materials or equipment) contributions will work as well.

#### Locations

##### Hancock - Tidal Falls

- To be determined by Frenchman Bay Conservancy
- Matching funds provided by FBC

##### Sullivan Gazebo

- Local History
- Granite Mining

##### Gouldsboro

- Locations
  - Prospect Harbor
    - Lighthouses
    - Byway Map
  - Library
    - History of the library
    - Watering Cove
    - Ice Cutting and shipping
- Wildlife Corridor
  - Gary Levin- has worked on the wildlife corridor
  - Jay Horschak – has been working with Tom Mayer on GIS and mapping (Jim will contact)
  - Schoodic to Schoodic trail
  - Frenchman Bay Conservancy
  - Public access to corridor
  - Animals that use the corridor

##### Winter Harbor

- Flagpole
- The Cleat
- Lesson about tides

## Grants

- Possible end of year RFP for grants
- May not have much time to respond
- No details are available
- Suggestions for future grant proposals
  - Family Friendly Children's Interpretive Play Areas
    - Prospect Harbor or throughout the byway
    - Story Board
    - Stinson's Man
    - Paths
    - Small Picnic Tables
  - Boat Ramp at Gordon's Wharf – probably through some other program
  - Assignment - future meeting – come up with other ideas for future projects

## Marketing

- Fred is attending a marketing training seminar in Duluth
  - Other Updates
- Handed around a flyer from the Corporation for Travel Promotion – International Travel promotion grants – there may be some funding for international marketing, but this would probably be a state-wide proposal

**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Gordon's Warf Building