

Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee Meeting
10/31/2013
Minutes

Attending: Cathy Caruthers, Barbara Shanahan, Jim Fisher, Peter Drinkwater, Eve Wilkinson, Barbara Bowen, Ruth and Rod Franzius, Larry Johannesman

[October 3, 2013 Minutes](#) – Approved without revision

Park and Rid Challenges

O’Connors – Route 185 Intersection

- Rob Wilpan, Sorrento Selectman and Jackson Laboratory employee contacted HCPC about concerns over winter maintenance of the parking lot they are using for park-and-rid
- This is not a byway issue, but could be a concern if parking is shifted to locations that are unsafe or interfere with scenic turnouts.
- **Actions:**
 - o Byway can contact Herb Thompson about this issue
 - o Jim will contact MaineDOT park-and-ride staff
 - o Fred Michaud may also be involved
 - o CC Town of Sullivan

Bruce Yasgur property across from Young’s Market

- Bruce Yasgur contacted HCPC with concerns about use of his property as a park-and-ride.
 - o Erosion
 - o Litter
 - o Damage and vacant information kiosk
 - o Bent parking signs
- Responsibility
 - o Jackson Lab – possibility, DTI - unlikely
 - o MaineDOT – possibility
 - o Peter – prefer to spend resources on other project
 - o Larry – feels this site is worth improving
 - Small multiuse location
 - MaineDOT can provide a sign if some volunteers fix up the kiosk
- **Actions**
 - o Jim – will see if Jax will put up a wooden guardrail, fix the parking, improve the signs NB. Jim spoke with Bruce again. He’s open to repairs, but wants something done...
 - o Schoodic Byway – Might assist with kiosk, byway sign and vegetation
 - o CC – Town of Gouldsboro
 - Not likely to contribute funding for improving this site

Winter Harbor Revitalization Grant

- Schoodic Byway has approximately \$71,000 in funding for Winter Harbor sidewalks, signs and pedestrian facilities – funding is locked in for now, but project must be completed by approx. Dec, 2015

- Sargent Street proposal
 - o Supported by the select board
 - o Prepared to seek engineering for the project
- Other needs
 - o Traffic calming
 - Cross walks on Newman Street – who is responsible for painting them – maintenance is not an eligible expenditure with these funds
 - Paddle signs to slow traffic – possible as part of cross walk improvements
 - Electric speed detector sign – probably not eligible
- Subsequent follow - up call from Larry Johannesman listed a number of other project ideas
 - o Extension of Main Street sidewalk to Camp Moore
 - o Re-purpose old Fire Station to visitor information area
 - o Construction of an information kiosk
 - o Discussion with Quimby Family about use of park area on Main Street
- **Action:**
 - o Need to decide if we have a project or are re-opening the search
 - o Contact Bruce Mattson about crosswalks, etc.

Prospect Harbor Sidewalk

- Probably cannot use the byway funds to match federal TE / TA funds
 - Need to come up with other resources to complete this project
- NB. Conversation with Bruce Yasgur suggested that we might look into the “Schoodic Fund” as a possible source of match.

Wayfinding Signs

- Larry stored some hardware at the MaineDOT Bridge Lot
 - o Metal brackets for 2*2 wayfinding signs
 - o Larry taking the signs back to August to drill new holes
 - o Will be ready to installed next week

Blue Star Sign

- Jim will have dig safe approve the location closer to Dunbar’s (done)
- Larry has approved the location for the sign
- Jim will set up a time (Tuesday PM) to work with Russel Gordon to put in the sig

Interpretive Sign Grant

- Larry noted that MaineDOT consolidate a few old and expired projects to clean up their accounting and close out the projects

Kids Quest

- HCPC has a locally administered program
- Larry needs to get some approvals for construction
- We have approval to move ahead on graphic design

Wayfinding

- HCPC hiring someone to design the wayfinding signs for the Kids Quest Tour
 - o Granite blocks
 - o 1*1 signs
- A map might show all of the locations

Tidal Falls

- Graphic design – only – can start now
- Jim will work with Tom Sidar to contract with graphic artist

Gateway

- Rail kiosk – delayed until next year
- Need to get approval for the tracks
- Kiosk, rail tracks, rail hardware – sign/flag
- construction, must have approval
- Ruth – Spoke with Cynthia Woods about maintaining the plant areas at the gateway
 - o Not many boy scouts or cub scouts left
- Community Service Program - with Ellsworth or Sumner High School

Gordon's Wharf Interpretive Sign

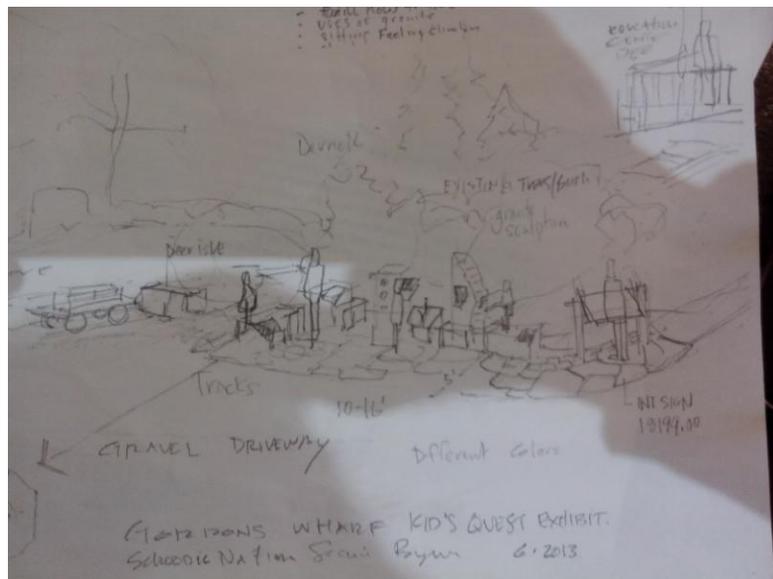
- Larry will send a list of the themes (5) to the committee for review
- Suggest hiring Nancy Montgomery to design this sign
- Granite exhibit located between the house and the water
- Obadiah might help design the facility

Gordon's Wharf Access Improvements

- Driveway – will be built this autumn – weather permitting
- Pedestrian Ramp – delayed – Gary is trying to get a local solution for the ramp

Long Cove

- Two granite posts now snapped off (pieces have been taken to HCPC)
- Need to find an alternative to the granite posts – curbing or painted lines?
- **Action**
 - o Need to remove remaining broken post



- May be able to pull it out – Jim will try to break off a remaining sharp point
- Randy Gray – MainedOT Maintenance may be able to do this.

Frenchman Bay Turnout

- MainedOT recommending two telescopes - either two posts or a double post to meet ADA requirements
- Jim needs to put together a recommended design for the binoculars including installation specs
- Larry – suggests a granite block with sign for kids –
 - o What can you see
 - o Can you see this (with photo)

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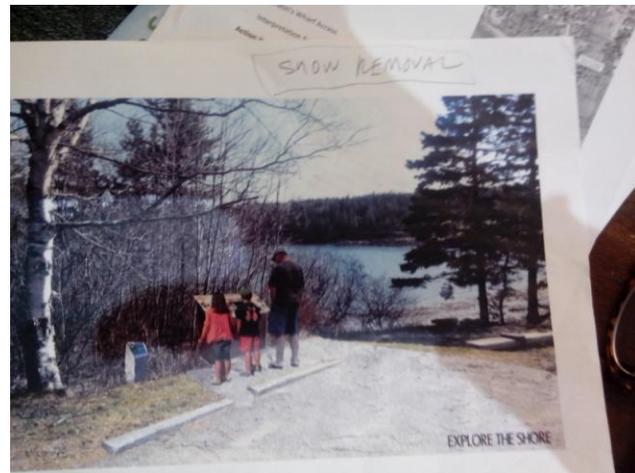
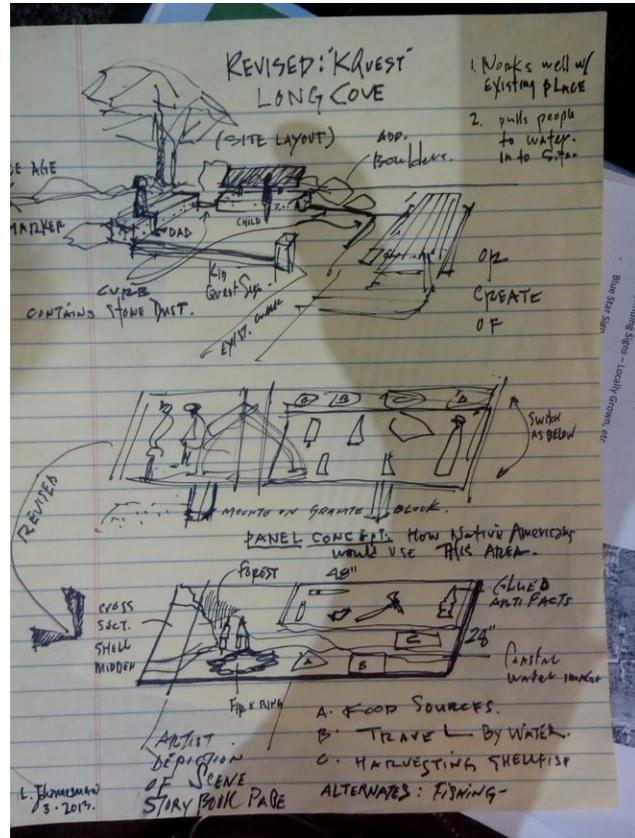
- Will work with the Abbe Museum this winter
- May take longer than other sites
- **Action:** Jim will contact Abbe Staff to find out about their availability

Camp Moore – Winter Harbor

- Site is owned by the town
- Slope requirement makes ADA access difficult to the field
- Try to squeeze the interpretive panel
- **Action:** Interpretive design – can move forward

Prospect Harbor

- Can start on contracting the graphic design
- Three signs
 - o One very simple sign for younger kids – going after catch
 - o Lobster sign – more complex
 - o Day in the life of a lobsterman – more detailed with baiting
 - o Larry – can anything be mounted in the boat
 - o Story book – design – might have several smaller signs along a trail
 - o Larry – can have doors / advent calendar



- Eve – might graphically make the sign look like an open book
- Jim- need to work through a graphic design contract with Josh Fisher

Other Business

Winter Harbor Historic District Sign

Cathy Caruthers – Blue Sign directing people on Summer Harbor Road to “Winter Harbor Historic District”

Mike Walsh (Constable)

- reported complaints from people that followed Summer Harbor Road rather than Route 186.
- Concerned about difficulty visitors will have during the winter

Larry – this appears to be an Individual Business Directional Sign

- MaineDOT may have installed it, but it’s not a MaineDOT sign
- Check with Bruce Mattson about MaineDOT policy
- Does it comply with MaineDOT signage requirements if it’s not an individual business?
- Does the sign meet code?

Eve – suggests that Cathy contact John Furman to find out about his approval

Who regulates this sign?

- Winter Harbor Select Board may need to rule on whether this sign misleads visitors

Regional and Statewide Byway meeting

- Acadia, Bold Coast, Schoodic, Blackwoods Combined meeting – discuss common needs, ideas
- Location – Cherryfield, SERC,
- Length – 2 hours
- Potluck
- **Action:** Jim will talk with Crystal Hitchings about a winter meeting

Statewide Meeting

- Initial conference call to consider a statewide conference
- MaineDOT has been skeptical about the benefits of conferences

Next Meeting: First week December – probably Thursday, December 5