Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Committee Sullivan Town Office Minutes 11/01/04

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Andrew Sankey, Peter Drinkwater, Jim Fisher

Next Meeting: Monday December 6th 8:00 AM at the Sullivan Town Office

Dufresne - Henry Turnout Designs

The committee discussed engineering drawings prepared by Patrick McLean

Preble Cove

Recommend

- 1) consider options for the North side of the road
- 2) can the land on the water side (had a mobile home on the property)
- 3) move funds to north side of road opposite Long Cove
- 4) ask Bret's team to look at the site on Thursday.

Frenchman Bay

- 1) ask Bret's team to look at the site on Thursday.
- 2) need a conceptual artistic drawing of the site
- 3) consider enhancements to the monument / cemetery
- 4) present the engineering and artistic rendition at the public information meeting and provided to the land owners before Dec. 31

Long Cove Rest Area

1) look at north side of road as an additional paved pull-off area

Young's / Schoodic Chamber Turnout

- 1) contact Mr. Yeager about cutting saplings
- 2) more and more vegetation management

Signage Study

- Discussion tabled until Jim can complete his report based on the October tour of the byway
- John Kelly has expressed interest in collaboration / coordination between Acadia National Park Signs and the Schoodic Byway Signs.
- Jim showed signage study and sample bike signs from Acadia

Grant Proposals Solicited for 2005-06

Ideas

Improvements at the Gateway

- want a better outhouse facility men's and women's facilities, toilet seats
- built with breezeway and information office on other side like old train station.
- gazebo (if not already funded)
- granite benches, bollards,
- electrification (best to look at access now) (\$???)

Winter Harbor

- Improve pump house for information kiosk
- Park and Ride site acquisition
- Rocky road across from the Bluff House sign have frontage on Route 186, both sides. Has a scenic view. Might use some land for park and ride.

Please send additional ideas to Jim Fisher

National Park Schoodic Area General Management Plan Draft

Jim sent a letter to John Kelly of Acadia National Park with a few points that were discussed with some members of the corridor committee. A copy of the letter was circulated at the meeting and emailed to committee members.

- 1) The Schoodic National Byway is barely mentioned in the plan. This is surprising as it is the only road serving this section of the park.
- 2) There is very little mention of the surrounding cultural environment, working landscape and other factors that influence the park and visitor experience.

Peter Drinkwater suggested that Jim provide additional feedback regarding the improved availability of federal funds for road maintenance and improvements due to byway designation. Jim discussed this point with John Kelly on 11/1/04.

Gateway Sign and other facilities

- Peter will remove the sign and would like to store it in the basement of the Sullivan Town Office.
- It appears that the outhouse at Long Cove may be locked for the winter
- The Prospect Harbor model light house at will stay on display outside the Gouldsboro Town Office this winter.

Winter Harbor Comprehensive Plan and Subdivision Ordinance

- Winter Harbor Comprehensive Plan passed last week the byway is mentioned throughout the plan.
- A public hearing on the proposed Winter Harbor Subdivision Ordinance will be held November 9th. This ordinance includes language that should protect scenic vistas from the water and from the byway.

Route 1 Construction

- Work is proceeding very nicely in Hancock.
- Don't know when the public meeting will be scheduled for Sullivan, nor when the contract will go to bid or work will begin.
- That said, we need to have the pullout planning well in hand before it's too late to have the work coordinated with road reconstruction

Route 186

- surveying in Winter Harbor is ongoing
- contract may be delayed waiting for word back from MDOT
- Jim will meet with John Balicki and Roger Barto in the afternoon to discuss the transportation enhancement proposal.

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TO DO: Need to send minutes and signage plan to the committee and Bret

- Pursue design issues for the scenic turnouts with Patrick McLean
- Begin grant writing process for the December deadline
- Look into collaboration with NPS on signage & Investigate ways to improve landscaping at the sign at Moore Road
- Investigate Rocky Road park and ride concept