

Schoodic Byway Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 15th at 9:30 AM
Prospect Harbor - Gouldsboro Town Office

MINUTES

Attending:

Barbara, Jim, Dick, Frank, Pete, Gary, Alan, Julie, Eileen, Larry, Bob
Kim Bianco, Krista McFarland, Janet Wilpan – RSU 24 Representatives

Introductions

- Introducing special guests from RSU 24 - Frank

Approval of October Minutes

Kid quest brochure review of ideas and updates. Julie & Larry

Julie described the Kid's Quest project

1. Kids Quest Book
2. Itineraries and Tours to sites
3. Brining kids and school groups to the sites

Asking RSU 24 Board how they can be involved

- What do we need to do to engage the students in this area?
- Prospect Harbor example
 - Lobster Boat
 - Interpretive panels – on lobstering and lobster anatomy
 - Larry prepared sample curricula – see handout
 - Lobster Boat
 - Signs
 - Trap
 - Fishing grounds
 - Lighthouses and navigation
 - Lobster Facts matching book
 - Stinson Factory Tour
 - Lunch – Dorcas Library
 - Town Dock – how wharfs operate
 - Board lobster boats to pull traps
 - Historical Society presentation
- Gary – emphasized the potential of engaging historical societies from each of the towns
 - Erin Shanahan is teaching social studies in the high school

Kid quest activities and grants - Julie
- Comments from the group

School Grants are generally for improving academics in the school

- Kids Quest would not be eligible
- Held an "Estuary Day" in the school
- Have used funds to bring speakers into the school – art, literature, science
- Don't have this funding right now (21st Century Fund)

Kristen – five school afterschool programs

- Have grants for one year and two years

- Divided K-2, 3-5, 6-8
- Looking for community partners
- Currently bring presentation to the school
 - o Outdoor School
 - o Robinson Ballet
 - o Each school has a different number of kids – Peninsula has 40 to 60 kids
- Also offer summer programming in July
 - o Half day programs
- Transportation
 - o Some of the buses are taking kids home at 3:00 PM
 - o Would want to pursue grants to pay for buses
 - o Work with Brian Holbrook, transportation director

Next Steps

- Jim and Larry – assemble a summary document with interpretive signs and curricula
- School will contact Brian Holbrook to estimate cost
 - o Various schools – Cave Hill, Mountain View, Sumner, Ella Lewis (Steuben)
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- Figure out size of group
 - o Small groups – 15 people
 - o Might operate stations and have a few clusters of 15
- Bring ideas to the Curriculum Director – Mickie Chan(?)
 - o Project-based learning – K12
 - o Proficiency Based Education – standards are adaptable to Kids Quest
 - o Frank and Gary volunteered to meet with the Curriculum coordinator
 - o Identify good connections with the curriculum
- Figure out best ages for groups
 - o Fourth Grade – can complete an online exercise and get a free park pass
 - o Might integrate Winter Harbor visit with ANP
- Identify partners
 - o ANP
 - o SERC
 - o FOTB
 - o FBC
 - o Historical Societies
 - o Local tradesmen
- Organize a Byway Day at the School
 - o Bring speakers to the school to talk about the sites
 - o Bring posters of the panels
- Put these ideas together before approaching Maine Community Foundation
 - o Gary, Frank, Julie, et al. will have another sub-committee meeting

Web site updates and photos. Eileen and sub committee

- Renewed request for photos
- Have photos from Dick Fisher, FBC, some from Jim Fisher
- Website subcommittee put together a chart
- Larry – is pursuing MaineDOT funding for a KidsQuest / Marketing Brochure
- MaineDOT Website designer
 - o May be able to host all of the byways separate from MaineDOT
- Links
 - o How to limit these
 - ANP
 - Land Trusts
 - Historical Societies
 - Chamber of Commerce
- Newsletters
 - o Opportunity to highlight events, seasonal activities
 - o Probably won't do a newsletter
- Map

- Considering a static map on the website
 - May use the static map from the second brochure

Updates on Prospect Harbor project - . Larry and Bryan (Tabled)

- Sidewalks
- Town Field – across from library
- Interpretive signs at library

Letters to towns asking for donation for next year budget in 2018-to be signed – Jim

- Request to towns

- Hancock
- Sullivan
- Gouldsboro
- Winter Harbor
- Franklin
- Sorrento

Suggest including a map with the letters

Need to check with Rod and Ruth about the process in Hancock

Add education program with schools (Hancock is a different school district)

Next Meeting

January 10th: 9:30 AM Gordon's Warf (Barbara will be in Florida)

- Jim will arrange a Skype link for Barbara
- Discussion about incorporating Sorrento in Byway
- Kids Quest Project
 - School Outreach
 - Brochure
 - Grants
- Website Update