

Minutes of the Schoodic Byway Committee Meeting

Monday, November 28, 2016

10:00 A.M, Gordon's Wharf

Jen Boothroyd

Gary Edwards

Barbara Bowen

Eileen Hall

Frank Dorsey

Julie Isbill

Peter Drinkwater (by phone)

Larry Johannesman

Dick Fisher

Barbara Shanahan

The meeting came to order at approximately 10:04 A.M.

The minutes from the August 31, 2016, September 26, 2016, and October 24, 2016 meetings were considered. Gary moved to approve all three, which was seconded by Frank. All present were in approval.

Jen discussed the follow-up mailings that were done after the van tour. Thank you letters were sent to attendees, along with a group photo taken on the tour. Letters were sent to those who were invited but unable to attend, along with a folder of information that attendees received.

Julie notified the group that she will be working on the new national monument in northern Maine for the next four months. She will be unavailable to attend Schoodic Byway meetings or participate fully with the group during this time. She will return to her regular work, including with the Schoodic Byway, in May.

The committee briefly discussed officers going into 2017. Dick made a motion to keep the current Chair (Barbara Shanahan) and Vice Chair (Peter Drinkwater) in place. Barbara and Peter were willing, and Barbara Bowen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Larry gave an update of byway-related MaineDOT projects and their status.

- Interpretive signs for the Dorcas Library, Sumner Library, Tidal Falls, and Gordon's Wharf will be installed this fall. There should be an event planned for the new Dorcas Library sign in the spring.
- The Winter Harbor bike-ped hub sign will be stored at the Winter Harbor Town Office. The hub will be designed over the winter, and build-out will begin next year.
- Work at the Gateway is currently underway, including the sidewalk to the privy and the installation of the last signs. The kiosk and train areas are cleared, and laid out. These will be completed in the spring, along with landscaping.
- The Town of Gouldsboro bought a corner lot beside the library parking lot. This will be part of the Prospect Harbor gateway, and will hopefully include information and a town park.

Julie gave an update on the brochure. The proofs are being finalized and paper being chosen. The finished brochures will be delivered to the Winter Harbor Garage, where the Schoodic Chamber of Commerce has storage space. It was decided that some of the money available for printing (about \$500) will be reserved to cover the costs associated with distributing the brochure. Barbara Bowen has a \$100 donation to make towards this end, which should provide funding for two years of Maine Tourism Association membership and kiosk space in 7 locations throughout the state.

Larry brought up the idea of developing a mini brochure highlighting all the Kids Quest sites. The Schoodic Fund may be a possible source for funds.

It was noted that comments are currently being accepted by Acadia National Park on the initial phases of their transportation plan, which is underway. Some of the proposals included involve changes to the Schoodic Loop Road, part of the Schoodic Byway.

Julie led a brainstorming and prioritizing session for strategic planning purposes, based on the current (circa 2000) Corridor Management Plan. She will summarize the results and circulate them for discussion at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to forego meeting in December. The next meeting was set for the third week of January 2017 at the Winter Harbor town office. Jen will finalize the date and time with the town office.