

Schoodic Byway Opening
12/01/05
Minutes

Attending:

Frank Dedmon, Peter Drinkwater, Barbara Shanahan, Andrew Sankey, Don Snoke, Jim Fisher

Planning for Gateway Celebration

Food - Barbara Shanahan

- Fruit and Cheese
- Mini-Muffins
- Coffee, Soda, Cider
- Ice

Speeches

- Jim - MC Welcome, History, Credits, Displays, Introductions
- Frank Dedmon, Welcome
- MaineDOT

Displays

- Granite bench - example
- Byway Inauguration Sign
- Interpretive Panel
- Diagram of site

Handouts

- Press Kits
- Brochures
- Granite Flakes from the project - basket
- Pencils

Promotion

- Press Release
- Invitations - Franklin (Steve Walton), LNC, Sorrento

TB Bank North - Ellsworth

- Dominic Efter (Friend of Don Snoke)
- They have a government services division

Transportation Funding – MaineDOT Project Deferrals

Concerns were expressed about delays in MaineDOT Projects

Delays in Gouldsboro affect the byway directly

A Schoodic Area League of Towns (SALT) Meeting Meeting is planned for December 14, 2005
at 7:00 PM

Don Snoke recommends reading the Flanagan Report. The report expresses concerns expressed about Washington County economy. Delays in transportation funding will delay the county's economic recovery.

Current Projects

- Park signage – need to structure funding agreement between MaineDOT and NPS for some signs
- Sullivan property acquisition – appears to be moving forward
- Prospect Harbor
 - visit with Larry and Brad on November 18th
 - possibilities and challenges with the site next to Stinson's
 - Peter raised the question about Stinson providing additional space for the sign - can speak with Peter Colson
 - the Deli site has some site distance issues
 - Reiterate need for Jim to send a letter to the select board and meet with them
- Jim – will go to Gouldsboro Selectmen tonight, Barbara and Peter may also attend

2006 Grant Proposals

- 1) Project implementation
- 2) GIS Inventory and Mapping Project
- 3) Scenic Acquisition
 - Long Cove - Larry's Discount
 - Other locations?
- 4) Park and Ride (protecting other scenic locations)
 - A-Frame
- 5) Interpretive Planning

Strategic Plan – need to pursue this incrementally over the winter

501(c)3 – in the process of preparing federal application

Summer Student Project – students are conducting a small resource inventory, primarily focused on the Calais Branch Rail corridor. Jim Fisher and Pat Harmon are coordinating this project.

Next Meeting: January 9 8:30 am