

**Schoodic Scenic Byway
Sullivan Town Office
12/09/04 7:15 AM – 10:00 AM**

Minutes

Attending: Peter Drinkwater, Leslie Harlow, Barbara Shanahan, John Kelly, Andrew Sankey, Frank Dedmon, Jim Fisher, Susan Lambe, Lisa Nabor Cowan

The meeting convened at 7:15 AM in order to include Peter Drinkwater who in turn had to leave to run his store shortly after 8:00 AM.

Design issues for Scenic Turnouts

Patrick McLean's illustrations of Preble Cove, Frenchman Bay and Long Cove were discussed

Frenchman Bay (Dunbar Site)

Wall by the walkway – suggest low granite wall or granite blocks – something that people might be able to sit-on.

Ramp and stairs to the field

- would require more trail work into the field.
- Owners are not likely to support this much access
- *Decision:* eliminate anything that encourages people to enter the field- no stairs, no ramp and no trail.

Lighting - no need for lighting at this site

Mountable Curb – need to balance safety, turning movements of RV's, and snow plowing. MDOT can make this judgment.

Seating – hope that some of the seats face to the water.

Preble - proposed design can be

Long Cove - proposed design can be presented at the public meeting

Taunton Bay Gateway design - Lisa Cowan and Susan Lambe

Functions of the sight

Peter

- rail road station motif - Waukeag Station

Leslie

- local people will use is
- tourists will stop here - first place with a view after elsewhere

- should look at a common look and feel for the byway
- concern about trucks

Frank

- Clammers and worm diggers will probably stop here too, but we shouldn't build access
- No overnight parking, no sales

Jim

- may be kayaker who want to use the site. Need to discourage unsafe launching points.
- outhouses

Barbara

- outhouses are key
- nice low impact tourism
- framing the view
- no access to the water
- like the ANP style
- want lighting (no electricity now)
- gazebo
- substantial gateway sign

Andrew Sankey

- indicate that this site conveys that the downeast areas is different
- architecture - design of restroom at Frazier point is a good example
- minimize signage - don't want a lot of warning signs
- concerned about littering - not sure whether a trash receptacle
- animal proof systems with trash separation can discourage large scale dumping.

John Kelly

- style - suggest looking at ANP design elements -drive down to Schoodic Point
- visit Frazer Point, Rockefeller Building

Design

- Outhouse - in rail ROW
- Information Kiosk
- Seating - granite benches
- Planting - low maintenance, landscaping firm next door might help out
- Frank - not rosa rigosa - except on the steep bank
- Pete and Barbara - lupines are nice in the spring (but not much in other seasons)
- Flowers - need to be aware of likelihood that flowers will be stolen.

Signage

- Bret has indicated that there may be \$40k for a gateway sign
- Frank - can the current sign be moved toward
- Jim - do not want signs to block the views

- Andrew and Barbara - triangle where house was located - might have space.
- Possible location right at the entrance - need to see whether this can be done without obstructing site distance.

Bathrooms

- Need to obtain DEP approval - even for a vault system
- Most likely site - rail bed or just west of that if there is land.
- John - sidewalks should ring the parking area – particularly connecting outhouse with information kiosk

Lighting

What is the purpose of lighting?

- illuminate informational signs
- security
- promotion?

Decision: This issue is unresolved with some committee members preferring no lighting and others preferring to have that option. There is no wiring to the site currently.

Gazebo

- Possible Location - just west of view - parking
 - Near the bathroom
 - Not obstructing views – but possibly framing a view
- Uses
 - Information kiosk
 - protection from weather while enjoying the view
- Amenities
 - some bench seating

Enforcement

- Need to avoid creating a facility that is easily vandalized
- Want to discourage night-time use
- County Sheriff and state trooper

Other business –constrained by lack of time

- Jim handed out copies of our recently accepted incorporation papers – welcome to Schoodic Byway, Inc.
- Jim handed out a summary of past grants and quickly discussed where we are headed with this years grant proposals
 - Planning and Administration – mostly written
 - Scenic Turnouts – considering three projects
 - Additional funds for Dunbar Site as needed
 - Winter Harbor Park and Ride – if the town can commit to a site quickly
 - Possible new site near to the Stone Store – photos on the Schoodic Byway website.