

Schoodic Byway Corridor Committee Meeting
October 15, 2007
Minutes

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Andrew Sankey, Larry Johannesman, Don Snoke, John Kelly, Jim Fisher, Kent Cooper, Frank Dedmon

American Roads

- Jim circulated copies of the American Roads
- Jim will ask about cost of 1,000 reprints from American Roads

Discussion of Transfer of funds

- Jim sent an exploratory message about transferring funds
- The process is ready to go.
- Jim will contact Eve Wilkinson acting Town Manager for Gouldsboro
 - There is still funding for Gouldsboro that we want to use.
 - Encourage town to identify an alternative project
 - Explore acquisition of property in Prospect Harbor for a gateway
- Jim will draft a letter for Barbara and a letter for the Town of Winter Harbor

Proposed design for the Dunbar

Larry described the design for the site

Want to keep the site open for the vista, but create the effect of a line between the sidewalk and the slope

The bump out would have two granite blocks

- The sides of the blocks would have etchings – lobster claws, rocks – abstract art
- Jim noted that Peter liked the idea of having etchings on the other granite blocks
- Tops would be flat, but not perfectly smooth
- Edges and corners would be beveled

Recommends end points with perennial gardens and granite posts

Four signs

Left – Hotel

Second left – Architecture

Second right – View of Frenchman Bay

Right –

Creating an edge – question about planting along the back

- Low juniper bushes were discussed as an alternative
- Concern about maintenance – mowing
- Frank suggested that the town might have someone mow this section when they are mowing town properties
- The land owners association will mow the field once or twice in the summer too.

John Kelly raised the issue of tractor trailers using this turnout

- MaineDOT representatives suggested that the town is responsible for creating and enforcing parking policies
- John asked about pinching the parking lot to discourage trucks – but this would inhibit use by RVs
- Need to encourage Phil Dunbar to create a loading zone
- Byway can consider signage – Don Snoke suggested that we put a tag on the Turnout ahead “No Commercial Vehicles”

Vegetation Management

- How can we work with the land owners to open the view
- Frank will speak with Gail Hastings about historic documents supporting a request to open up the vista
- Kent recommended that we look at the deeds for the properties – may be that the foundation owns the shore front
- Jim will assist Barbara and Frank to draft a letter once we have gathered information

Veteran’s Benches are being contributed by Cole Transportation Museum to towns

- Sullivan is requesting benches for the Town Park

Long Cove

Guard rail is being moved back

Bolder retaining wall is being placed behind the privy

Granite bollards (6”*6”) will be placed around the privy

A granite bench is placed near to the privy with interpretive signs on either side

- Glacial geology
- Tides

A third sign might be further to the right – Mud flats

Geo-caching

- Jim introduced the topic
 - Showed examples of signs
 - Pulled up regional map using GIS software
- The group identified some sites
 - Want to highlight larger interpretive panels
 - ANP is not interested in having any new signs in the park area, but is considering virtual caches that do not lead to vegetation damage.
- Jim will need to contact local organizations, including historical societies, to see what they would like to highlight.

Interpretive signage

Jim and Larry reviewed how the signage contract has been arranged

- MaineDOT will purchase granite from Sullivan Memorial Granite works

- MaineDOT will purchase signs from Folia
- MaineDOT will purchase welded brackets from a company in Skowhegan
- MaineDOT will purchase mounting hardware
- HCPC will contract with Bob Haynes (Old Canada Road) to assist in locating the signs on the byway
- The committee was reasonably satisfied with this arrangement, but reiterated a desire to seek local contractors whenever possible.

Sign mounting plans

- Community participation opportunities – possible involvement of high school students, Friends of Schoodic or others.
- Signs will probably be attached in the spring
- We still need locations in Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro

Jim will speak with Eve Wilkinson about locating the interpretive panel

- Town Pier
- Women’s Club/Town Office
- Library – can’t see the lighthouse

Gateway update

- Privies are going to bid – will be installed in the spring
- Kiosk designs are being floated to MaineDOT

Schoodic Sculpture Symposium

No sculptures have been planned for the byway
Sullivan may have one installed in the Town Park

State byway workshop – held last month

- Jim Fisher and Barbara Shanahan attended
- Covered Media Relations
- Meeting with other byways
- Business meeting conducted by Bob LaRoche

Road Signs

- Check locations
- Remove green signs
- Replace faded signs with new ones
- Incorporate a tag – Schoodic onto new signs
- Install turnout ahead signs
 - add “No Trucks” or “No Commercial Vehicles” to these signs



Next Meeting

November 19th 8:30 AM – Sullivan Town Office