

Minutes of the Schoodic Byway Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2016

9:00 A.M, Gordon's Wharf

Jen Boothroyd

Alan Gray

Hilly Crary

Dick Fisher

Bob DeForrest

Crystal Hitchings

Peter Drinkwater

Gary Edwards

The meeting came to order at approximately 9:00 A.M.

Jen welcomed the group and gave an update from Larry J., who anticipates construction beginning on the Byway after May 15th, and Julie, who will be done up north on May 5th. Julie suggest we request an additional year of her time. The group is in favor of this.

Gary has been working with Larry to figure out signage for Sumner Park and Gordon's Wharf.

There was some discussion of the new Dollar General store being built on Route 1 in Sullivan. It was suggested that we might send the organization a letter, politely reminding them of their location on a national scenic byway.

Dick has confirmed with Bryan K. that the Town of Gouldsboro is in charge of maintenance and upkeep of the Prospect Harbor Gateway/Kid's Quest site.

Bob announced that the Maine Coast Heritage Trust will be hosting an open house on Stave Island in August or September, on the heels of their purchase of an additional parcel of property. MCHT now owns (approximately) the lower third of the island.

Bob mentioned that the Land for Maine's Future program is initiating another round of awards, totaling more than \$3M. Their funding priorities are public access and easements.

Peter spoke with Larry, who indicated that he hopes to have the Winter Harbor Bike-ped hub by the town office completed by the Lobster Festival, on the 2nd Saturday in August.

Peter said the Chamber of Commerce brochure, utilizing the Schoodic Outdoors map, looks great, and will be out in May.

Crystal shared updates related to Bold Coast Scenic Bikeway, a project that currently involves WCCOG, MaineDOT, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, and Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism. Current initiatives include long-range management and planning, web design, and marketing. WCCOG anticipates collaborating with HCPC to manage and market the bikeway, in the hopes of keeping Schoodic and Bold Coast Byway Committees involved. The committee discussed the various ways the separate entities could work together.

Jen reviewed the agenda for the Downeast Fisheries Trail event happening at the Schoodic Institute on May 9th. The event will highlight the Schoodic Byway on a panel and with a field trip. Gary will be attending. Peter thinks he will be able to attend, at least for the panel discussion, and Dick may be able to attend. Alan says that either Frank D. or he will be attending. Jen will review the information from our van tour last fall to make sure there is information provided for the field trip sites; Prospect Harbor Gateway site, Henry Cove, and Frazer Point. Jen will follow up with others about attendance, and will re-sent the invitation and registration link via e-mail.

The next meeting was set for May 25th at 10:00 AM at the Winter Harbor Town Office.