

Schoodic Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee 01/09/01

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Pete Drinkwater, Roger Barto, Frank Dedmon,
Denis Lovely - MDOT, Robin Lanfer - MDOT, John Balicki - MDOT, Bret
Poi - MDOT, Jim Fisher - HCPC

I. Introductions

II. Announcements and Updates

Jim Fisher, HCPC

- National Scenic Byways Conference will be held in Seattle, Washington in late August. I will be considering submission of a paper proposal for that conference. Most expenses of attending will be personal.
- Need to send out notes from the recent NSBO conference call (attached)

Bret Poi, State Scenic Byways Program Coordinator

- Excited with the new byways
- Working on consistency in signage and logos

Barbara Shanahan, Byway Chair

- Want to have a meeting with the four scenic byways to coordinate activities. This will help in establishing logos, signage, etc..

Peter, Byway Secretary

- want to get better information to the Office of Tourism, links to the web page, training for phone center
- Scenic byway maps - need to be sure that maps are distributed.
- Peter and Barbara - getting a lot of printed materials from NSBO, Jim is not, but suggested that we establish a library or central location for these materials.

III. East Coast Greenway

- John Balicki, MDOT Bike Coordinator presented a description of East Coast Greenway (ECG), including maps
- Discussed moving the ECG to Hog Bay Road-General Cobb Road and Punkinville Road
- Frank Dedmon agreed that these roads would be safer for cyclists
- The new route includes more of the byway than the originally proposed route, and will pass through the Taunton Bay Gateway. This is another plus in requesting public restroom and other facilities at this location.

IV. Gateway Flagpole grant proposals

- HCPC is assisting the towns of Sullivan and Hancock to submit gateway grant proposals for lit flagpoles to be located at the ends of the Hancock-Sullivan Bridge.
- Need to get letter of support from Sanford Kelly / the Route 1 Corridor Committee
- CMC supports application
- Frank will sign for the Sullivan application, Linda King will sign for the Town of Hancock

V. Route 1 Reconstruction

- Denis Lovely, MDOT Ellsworth presented a rough outline of expansion plans
- Have funds for survey and design of Route 1 improvements in Hancock and Sullivan
- Don't have funds for construction - will find out in February or March in which case building might begin in 2002
- Coordination of project will be by Dawn Coffin as project manager
- Mike Morin can assist with the design work for scenic turnouts
- Ken McNeil MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation was mentioned as a resource.
- Barbara noted that CMC wants to use the funds that were raised. CMC should meet with Dawn in her office possibly that meeting can dovetail

VI. Follow-up / Action Items

- Jim
 - prepare minutes and an agenda for the next meeting
 - prepare a time line for project implementation - especially gateway, scenic turnout and park-and-ride projects
- Barbara will contact Bret to urge swift action on implementing the byway projects that have received grant funding
- Peter will continue research on signage, marketing and NSBO website corrections

Next meeting - Sullivan Town Office February 13, 2001