

**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

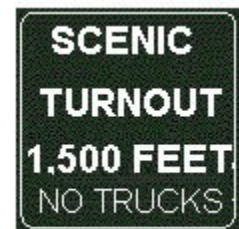
No sculptures have been planned for the byway  
Sullivan may have one installed in the Town Park

#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – Sullivan Town Office