

Schoodic Byway Corridor Management Committee
01/06/03 - Sullivan Town Office

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Peter Drinkwater, Frank Dedmon, Brad Vassey

Agenda

- News
 - State and local brochures
 - Six Year Transportation Plan
 - Schoodic Shuttle Proposal
 - East and West Gateway Improvements
 - Interpretive Signage
 - Annual Town Reports
- I. News items include:
- A) Schoodic Byway did not win a Best Practices Award, but may be recognized at the bi-annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM
 - B) The state byway brochure is nearing completion.
 - C) A new national byways map has been published. Copies are free. You can go to http://www.byways.org/map_request.html and fill in a form.
- II. State and Local Brochures - tabled as the State brochure is not yet available and the local brochure has not been updated yet.
- III. Six Year Transportation Plan
- A) Jim presented the draft six year plan to the corridor management committee
 - 1) Major points are that Route 1 in Hancock and Sullivan and Route 186 in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor are identified as priority corridors.
 - 2) Work will begin this spring/summer on Route 1, probably in Hancock
 - 3) There is increasing hope that Route 186 will be improved, particularly the section between Birch Harbor and Winter Harbor.
 - B) Discussion ensued about how to have the entire Route 186 corridor improved in a timely fashion without jeopardizing progress on priority segments.
- IV. Shuttle proposal
- A) Question: Should the Corridor Management Committee draft a warrant for a two to four week trial of a Schoodic Point shuttle bus?
 - 1) The bus would run between Winter Harbor and Prospect Harbor on an hourly schedule
 - 2) The trial period would be during the Arts for all Festival and Lobster festival in late July and early August.
 - B) Jim will send a draft proposal to the Selectmen in Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro via the town managers. Brad suggests roads budget as a possible category for this proposal.
- V. Gateways
- A) West Gateway
 - 1) Peter spoke with Hilts Landscaping about partnerships for preserving the site.

- 2) MDOT has cleaned the site in Hancock. They may use it for equipment during reconstruction of Route 1 in Hancock.
 - (a) Gateway sign - Like Old Canada Road
 - (b) Entering Schoodic National Scenic Byway

3) Actions

- (a) Jim contact Todd Pelletier about information needs.
 - Find out about progress on Dunbar Turnout.
 - Time frame for construction
 - Use of Hancock Property for construction staging - site design for afterwards.
- (b) Jim contact Bret Poi to discuss creating a larger byway gateway sign similar to sample gateway sign developed for the Old Canada Road. This sign would be used until the gateway facilities are completed.

B) East Gateway

- 1) Brad informed the committee that the MDOT forms for collaboration on improving the restroom facility in Prospect Harbor were difficult to adapt to the Town's needs.
- 2) No decision is final, but the town is likely to pay for improvements with local funds and avoid committing this restroom for public access.
- 3) The town is still willing to work with the byway committee to construct a small informational sign/kiosk and interpretive signage.

VI. Other Issues

- A) Stone Store design - whether to put a sidewalk with bicycle access or pave the shoulder.
- B) Frank will contact Todd also to discuss design of Church Lane to dead-end on both ends.
- C) Jim - seek gateway funds to build a display for a historic bell on Main Street in Winter Harbor. Need to find out if MDOT will allow Gateway funds for this project. Contact Bruce McKay in winter Harbor and Kent Cooper, at MDOT, ASAP.



Proposed dead-ends on on Old US 1. This would eliminate two unsafe access points onto Route 1.

VII. Next meeting: 2/3/03 8:00 AM Sullivan Town Office

- A) Designing interpretive signs work session
 - 1) Bring Peter's work, brochures, laptop computer
 - 2) Invite ice age trail and graphics people
- B) Finalize Brochures