

**Schoodic National Scenic Byway**  
**9/3/2008**  
**Minutes**

Attending: Barbara Shanahan, Eve Wilkinson, Larry Johannesman, John Kelly, Jim Fisher,  
Andrew Sanky

Americas Scenic Byways - Schoodic Byway Map

- Aaron Peck [aaron@byways.org](mailto:aaron@byways.org) of the ASBO has prepared a draft map of the byway for the national publications
- Peter, Barbara, John and Jim all sent suggested revisions, but this has become confusing. Some of the revisions are summarize below:

Features

- Add Schoodic Point Road
- Remove Nova Scotia ferry line – since this does not have any contact with the Schoodic Byway
- Add the ferry connecting Bar Harbor and Winter Harbor – label it as “Passenger Ferry”
- Use a red, square icon - or other appropriate symbol for all scenic turnouts. Include labels
  - Taunton Bay Rest Area
  - Frenchman Bay Scenic Turnout
  - Long Cove Rest Area
  - Frazier Point Rest Area
  - Schoodic Point Scenic Turnout
  - Blueberry Hill Scenic Turnout
- Add missing islands, especially: Jordan, Stave, Ironbound, Yellow, Turtle, Schoodic, and Rolling. These small islands are part of the town of Gouldsboro.



Labels

- One lighthouse goes by a local name - Mark Island Light and a published name Winter Harbor Lighthouse. We did not come to a consensus, but ask whether this can be called the Winter Harbor Mark Island Lighthouse.
- Change “Light” to “Lighthouse” in all cases (e.g. Prospect Harbor Lighthouse)
- Remove the label and icon for the Petit Manan Lighthouse as it is in the wrong place and would not fit on this map.
- Change village labels
  - Remove Ashville, West Sullivan
  - Change Waukeag to Hancock
- Add label for "Schoodic Education and Research Center"
- Show secondary road to Schoodic Head
- Add label for "Acadia Scenic Byway" on MDI
- Add Route 186 label to road between Birch Harbor and Winter Harbor

## Recap of Summer Activities

Larry Johannesman – MaineDOT efforts

Tree Clearing for Frenchman Bay Scenic Turnout

- Working on MOU with owners
- MaineDOT will contract tree crew
- Need to have a three year maintenance cycle

Privy installed at Taunton Bay

Long Cove Tree Clearing

- Larry, Jim and Frank Dedmon met with the property owners
- The owners have agreed in principal to MaineDOT removing a few of the larger trees and replacing them with shorter shade trees
- Larry is going to mark the trees with the owners before they leave for the winter

Interpretive Signage

- Bob Haynes and Jim Fisher installed posts and brackets in the spring
- Larry met with Nancy Montgomery to discuss the colors and sent recommendations
- Folia still promising to deliver panels – will be sent to Larry (soon)

Gateway Facility

- Larry – showed a map of the facility
  - plans for signs
  - trails surface – looking at potential for asphalt path rather than stone dust or gravel – might be lower maintenance with fewer weed problems and would be more accessible for wheelchairs.
  - Want to allow a meadow to grow up
  - Will preserve a mowed strip along the road
  - Will plan vegetation buffers
  - Will mark Locations of stone benches
  - Kiosk – the group reviewed hand-sketched designs for a kiosk that would be located close to Route 1
    - Do site work in the fall and early winter
    - Build wood structure at the bridge
  - Pet walk path
    - might add another block of granite for people to sit
    - might indicate that path is only x feet long at the kiosk
  - Kiosk site
    - Maps
      - Vertical Schoodic Adventure Map
      - Vertical Downeast Region Map
      - Mount signs on powder coated steel posts
      - Alternative might be a wider horizontal sign

- Kiosk connection to rest of site
  - Stone bench along road side
  - Stone bridge over the drainage swale
  - Granite benches
  - Discussion ensued about departing from current style of lower, tilted granite and steel signs
    - Group will meet at the site and look and visual impacts
    - Sentiment about steel versus granite posts
  - Time line
    - Land preparation
    - Space for Signs
- Scenic Byway Sign area
  - Need to weed the flower bed around the base
  - Should look into partnerships to preserve the plantings.
- Jim – need to contact town of Hancock about the welcome sign location – obstructing view of scenic gateway
  - Seek alternative sign and location
- Frenchman Bay
  - Sullivan Granite may be out of business for a while – we may need to seek other suppliers
  - Larry reviewed the Lobster Benches
  - Lobster sign – Winter Harbor – temporarily located at Dunbar’s to be replaced by a map sign

**Park Directional Signage – John Kelly**

- ANP has been through a long process in re-designing the signs
  - Byway Logos were removed from the signs
  - Arrowheads also removed from the signs
- Some of the sign lettering was were too small for the travel speed
  - Created 7.5 inch letters on larger signs
- Reworded sign from Peninsula to District
  - 8 miles to boundary – near Frazer Point
  - Byway comment – not comfortable with the word district, but no other alternatives seem to be better
  - Discussed alternative wording such as District, Section, Park Entrance, Schoodic Entrance
  - This group preferred “**Schoodic Entrance**”
- Adding sign indicating path to Schoodic Head
- Roger noted that the road sign is not in conformance with Winter Harbor directional signs
  - May need a variance for the park sign
  - ANP, MaineDOT and Winter Harbor should discuss this before the signs are manufactured and installed.
- Moore Road Sign
  - Andrew – would like to see a more formal sign
  - John – can’t do this since it is not the park entrance

- All agreed that we need to improve the median / island area
- There was not agreement on the proper base for the sign, though most in the committee favored a simplified version of Larry Johannesman' design
- Might mount the sign 4" \* 4" wood post
- Cost of all signs - \$35,000
- ACTION: Field trip with MaineDOT signage person
  - Location of byway signs
  - Remove green signs
  - Add Schoodic to state byway signs

### **Eco-resort – John Kelly**

- The Modena family hired consultants
- Presented public meetings on the proposed facility
- Dropped Ames Architecture and Engineering
  - Retained Cecilia Ward and Mike Saxl
  - Hired an architectural firm to work on a new design
- May be back in the fall – depends on the work of the architectural firm
- A conservation coalition with FOA, the park and others are reviewing the site and what might be done
  - The park is not saying there should be no development
  - Whatever should occur should be consistent with park values
- Byway group is prepared to meet with the consultants at any time.

### **Grants**

- Andrew – want Prospect Harbor to be a focus for next year
  - Some funds were transferred to Winter Harbor
  - Gouldsboro is raising additional funds
  - Need to put together a budget so that all local funds that are spent are counted as match
  - We are still waiting to hear which proposals will be funded. The original announcement date was in August, but we have not heard anything yet.

### **Sunrise Trail**

- Jim noted that track removal is moving along quickly
- We will be seeking funds to build parking in Sullivan at the Route 183 crossing on the land that had a siding track on it.

### **Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – SPECIAL MOBILE MEETING**

- 9:00 AM – Prospect Harbor – Gouldsboro Town Office (some of us will meet at 8:30 at the Taunton Bay Gateway to car pool to Prospect Harbor)
- Agenda
  - Please send your suggestions
- John Kelly will bring a van – after a short meeting in Gouldsboro we will ride the van the length of the byway taking pictures, noting signage changes, collecting GPS point, admiring the interpretive signs, identifying projects, etc.