

**Schoodic National Scenic Byway  
Corridor Committee Meeting  
Sullivan Town Office  
11/9/2009**

**Attending:** Barbara Shanahan, Dick Fisher, Peter Drinkwater (and son), Larry Johannesman, Jim Fisher, Eve Wilkins

Larry asked Peter about progress on **Winter Harbor village** improvement

- Lights have been ordered and will be installed
- Larry will see whether additional funds are available

**Prospect Harbor Gateway**

- Sculpture is at SERC and ready to go
- Larry noted that he still does not have an engineer signed-up, need that in order to get to work
  - The sight has been checked for significant species
  - The sculpture can be installed at this time. Everything else can be done around it.
- Dick suggested that engineering and drainage questions be resolved before setting the sculpture
  - The committee has some funds for the base of the sculpture
  - The committee will explore the corner lot property across from Dorcas Library as an alternative site (discussion tabled until it comes up under grant proposals.)
- Eve noted that the selectboard has signed off on the project, but
  - Need to purchase the land from the owner
  - MaineDOT may need to assess the property – to establish the value of the land
  - Eve put the concept into the town newsletter – has received a little positive feedback.
  - One resident was concerned about this creating a more suburban look
- Discussion ensued about whether town funds can be used to acquire the land, then using byway funds for the paving portion.

**Gordon's Pier**

- Jim recapped the process and funding
- Schoodic Byway received a grant or \$44,000 to pay for site improvements
- Other funds include
  - \$44,000 byway
  - \$100,000 Frenchman Bay Conservancy
  - \$150,000? Land for Maine's Future
  - \$xxx Town of Sullivan
- Barbara expressed concern that this share may be too large for the voters to approve.
- Larry asked about access to water grants – Jim will find out what additional grants
- We discussed various uses of the house
  - First floor – public space

- Granite museum
  - Fishing and shipping
  - Ecology of Taunton Bay
- Second Floor
  - Non-profit offices
- Restroom
- The group will consider an additional byway grant for this site after meeting with Gary, et al

### **Flanders Bay**

- Need a name – the view is more of Cadillac Mountain
- Shrubs have been cut, but the view might be widened more
- Jim will work on the map for the sign
  - You are here – on the map
  - State and National Logos
- Larry will complete the layout

### **Winter Harbor Interpretive Signs**

- Sign crew is not prepared to do the work
- Whitten was the second low bidder, but the lowest bidder fell through
- *UPDATE 12/02/09 – Larry pulled together a crew and the signs are all installed!*

### **Moore Road Sign**

- Larry note that the maintenance crew is stretched thin
  - They are tied up this fall
  - May not be able to get it done
- John Kelly is putting the signs out to bid again
- The group suggested that MaineDOT put the base

### **Taunton Bay Gateway**

- Larry will have a MaineDOT designer complete the trails
- Blocks
- Nancy Montgomery – going to work on map signs

### **Long Cove**

- Tide clock under construction

### **Frenchman Bay – benches**

- Benches

### **Road signs**

- group needs to let Larry know which design is preferred
- “no overnight parking signs” for turnouts, etc.
- Scenic Turnout ahead signs
- **ACTION** Jim – will contact John Kelly about park signs for update

#### **Preble Cove**

- Limb and dead wood removed
- Removed knotweed – treated with herbicide
- Probably need to continue treating knotweed

#### **Wonsqueak**

- Cleared of weeds

#### **Frenchman Bay Turnout**

- Completed tree cutting
- Granite benches
- Will probably plant one new tree

**Action:** Jim will circulate a poll for the road signs - Schoodic, Schoodic Byway, Schoodic National Scenic Byway... *SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT – BywaySignageRankingForm120209.Doc*

#### **Grants**

##### Dorcas Library

- Jim met with the library committee about a month ago
- The corner lot is for sale by owners for about \$180,000
- The assessed value is about \$66,000
- The real estate appraised value is \$80,000
- Need to find out whether byway funds can pay the appraised value with other interests paying the balance
- The pressure for this land for the byway is reduced by current plans for the Community Center plan
- **ACTION:** Larry will ask property management – about purchase regulations

##### Gordon’s Wharf

##### Vegetation Management

- Ongoing viewshed maintenance
- Balancing local control and responsibility with MaineDOT partnership
- Dick Fisher – asked with the towns would contribute to a byway maintenance fund

- Jim – noted that interlocal agreements might happen through convening the Schoodic Area League of Towns
- **Action:** Jim will prepare a viewshed document that indicates existing and potential views along the byway
  - Barbara noted that trees are growing up into views that were identified in the CMP (Next to Tracy's)
- **Action:** Jim will propose a maintenance budget with Larry's support

### **Young's Market improvements**

- Paving
- Interpretation
- Additional tree trimming

### Planning and Administrative Funding

#### Quimby South Gouldsboro Property – Eve Wilkinson

- Possible viewshed – would need tree trimming. May not be possible to create a view here. Not clear why visitors would stop otherwise.

### **Sunrise Trail**

- Jim noted that the Sunrise Trail may open for winter use this winter and year round use next summer
- This area will draw many more visitors next year
- Parking will be established at the Route 183 crossing
- Jim showed pictures of the Black Mountain Trail, one of several venues just off the Schoodic Byway

### **Next Meeting: TBA**