

Acadia All American Road Corridor Committee
April 16, 2015
1:00 – 3:00 PM
MINUTES

Attending:

- Byway: Jim Fisher, Angela , John Kelly, Larry Johannesman
- Emera Team: Kendra (?), Andy Gilmore, Dave Perkins, Bob Peasly, Jim Brooks
- Advisory Committee: Elizabeth Swain, Corey Haskall (note taker) Power Engineering

Discussion of EMERA Transmission Line Project

Handout

- Map handout indicates five scenic viewpoints looking along Route 3
 - Visual impact –imagery
 - Jim – These are important views, but there are others like NE Creek
- John
 - Less concerned about photoshop views
 - Tree impacts
 - Minimize impacts
 - Better to remove trees than excessive pruning
 - Selective cutting program
 - In most cases the poles will be higher – so trees over the existing poles
- Larry
 - Suggest a general approach to location
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- Emera Transmission Line proposed for Route 3 in Bar Harbor

Bluffs

- There is a challenge with preserving the view from the Park Loop Road
- Might try to install the lines where the current phone line
- Might use the bundled configuration
- Undergrounding
 - Would require blasting on the edge of the road and the bluffs
 - Repair of an underground system at this location would be difficult
 - Concern about water freezing around the lines and moving them
 - Need to be 3' underground
 - Very expensive
- Planning to include distribution on these poles to improve reliability
- Grey is a preferred insulation for insulated wires
- Pole design
 1. Height increases 10 – 15'
 2. Same as the poles that are in Trenton
- Wire systems
 1. Cross arms

- 2.
- Pole treatment/color
 - 1. Brown wooden poles
 - 2. Fiberglass cross arms
 - 1. Light gray color
 - 2. Considered safer
- Circuit configuration
 - 1. Creating a redundant loop with Knox Corner
 - 2. Reduces problems with power outages
 - 3. Permits maintenance
- Circuit color
 - 1. Aluminum
 - 2. Black
 - 3.
- Reducing the use of guy wires and associated poles
 - 1. Need to do another tour along the corridor
 - 1. Identify places where the
- Alternating sides of the road to accommodate views
- Limited underground transmission
- Other – they are receptive to any other mitigation strategies that are feasible and could help reduce impacts.
- Emera Substation proposed for Route 3 and Prospect Street, Bar Harbor
- Also need to consider the cultural impacts of the system
 - 1. Hulls Cove
 - 2. Cover Farm
 - 3. Church
 - 4. School
 - 5. Post Office
- Is this also a location that should be considered for underground

Substation

- Prospect Avenue Site
- See handout
- This would replace the pad mount transformers that are in place

MaineDOT

Next Steps

- Design

Jim Fisher

Larry Johannesman

John Kelly

Dave Perkins

Bob Peasly

Week of 27th or 4th

- Bring 11*17 maps indicating pole locations

- Show current pole locations

Coordination with MaineDOT CSS Program

- Wayfinding Signage Plan for Bar Harbor
 1. Route 3 Wayfinding Sign
 1. John Kelly – worked with Boyd to correct errors
 - 2.
- MaineDOT Route 3 Construction Plans
 1. Ireson Hill
 2. Hulls Cove
 3. Bluffs
 4. West Street
- MaineDOT Long Range Plan
- Draft gateway, wayfinding and interpretive signs for Trenton and Bar Harbor
- Boat Ramp and Scenic Turnout at the Airport

Airport Wayfinding

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

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Rhobe Moulton, MaineDOT (207) 624-3391

- Deliver a letter to Rhobe at MaineDOT
 - Metal backed wood guardrail
 - Cutoff fixtures for street lighting
 - Bus stops
 - Duckbrook Culvert 108”
 - Perched
 - Pooling
 - MaineDOT wants to slip line the culver
 - Constructability Meeting
 - Chip Reeves
 - Stephanie Clement
 - Paul Paradis
 - Matt Horton
 - Scenic Byway Committee
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- Friends of Acadia Earthday Roadside Cleanup – 4/25/15
 - Scenic Byway Advocacy – National Scenic Byway Foundation – www.nsbfoundation.com

Please let me know if there are other corridor related issues that we should include on our agenda.



Proposed Site for Substation

A FRIENDS OF ACADIA Community Volunteer Project

16th Annual Earth Day Roadside Cleanup

Earth Day Roadside Cleanup 2015

Saturday, April 25
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Celebrate Earth Day by helping to remove trash from the roadsides of Mount Desert Island and Trenton

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The College of Mount Desert Island • Collette • The Cranberry Company
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