

**Acadia Byway
6/1/2010
Minutes (Subsequently Annotated with various graphics)**

Attending: Ann Krieg, Stephanie Clement, Gary Fogg, John Kelly, John Lawrence, Bill Haeefe, Pete Lazas, Jim Fisher, George Hopkins

MaineDOT Request: MaineDOT has jumped into facebook. www.facebook.com/mainedot

They are creating photo albums of each of the byways. The first byway is the Acadia All American Road.

You can contribute photos to:

www.facebook.com/MaineDOT?ref=sgm#!/album.php?aid=7123&id=104238899619980&ref=pb

Next meeting – Tuesday August 3, 2010 9:30 AM at the Trenton Town Office

Updates (Note: the recording secretary arrived late and missed the first 15 minutes of discussion)

Acadia Gateway Center

- Jim reported walking the AGC property with Burnham Martin and Terry Begley
- Construction is moving quickly now. The construction areas have been cleared and graded and by now some foundation work has been started for the Bus Operations Center.
- Road construction is also moving forward. New poles are being set further from the highway centerline to permit road widening.
- There are numerous small wetland areas, but there appears to be sufficient upland to support a few miles of trails.
 - Pete asked whether we can identify likely places for spotting moose or other wildlife
 - We have not found any areas that are obvious choices. Though much of the land is wet, there are not locations with deep water. There are not prominent hills or other significant topography.

Head of the island

- Hanging signs have been installed where we were told they would not install signs
- Sense of the committee:
 - ← Bar Harbor - SW Harbor →
 - concerned about the quality of the signs – not scenic, clutters intersection
- Action: Jim will find out who put up the signs and whether they can be removed or in other ways mitigated

Head of the Island Monument



Example with both locations and an embossed image of the Bubbles on gray granite
Note caution from MaineDOT about locating hazardous fixed objects.

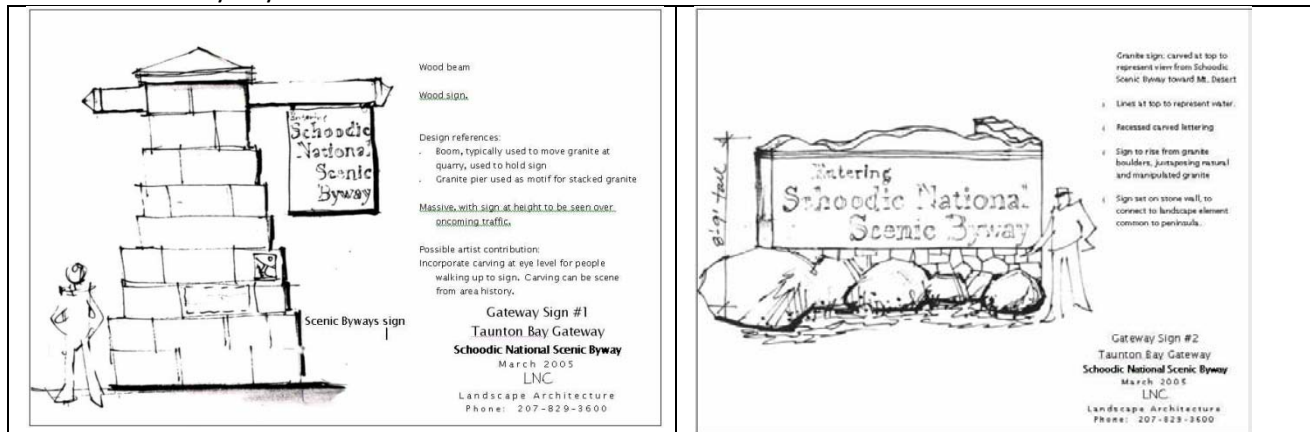
- Discussion
 - Material
 - Wood – Sign installed on break-away posts might be permitted
 - Granite – Bruce Mattson subsequently noted that granite may be a hazardous fixed object. May be possible to use granite off to the side of the road if it is sufficiently distant from the travel lane.
 - Landscaping
 - There is a difference of opinion between
 - Welcome to Bar Harbor
 - Welcome to Mount Desert Island
 - Welcome to Bar Harbor Mount Desert Island
 - How do we secure public input on this sign decisions
 - Public meetings for the Corridor Management Plan Update
 - Meeting with Bar Harbor Town Council

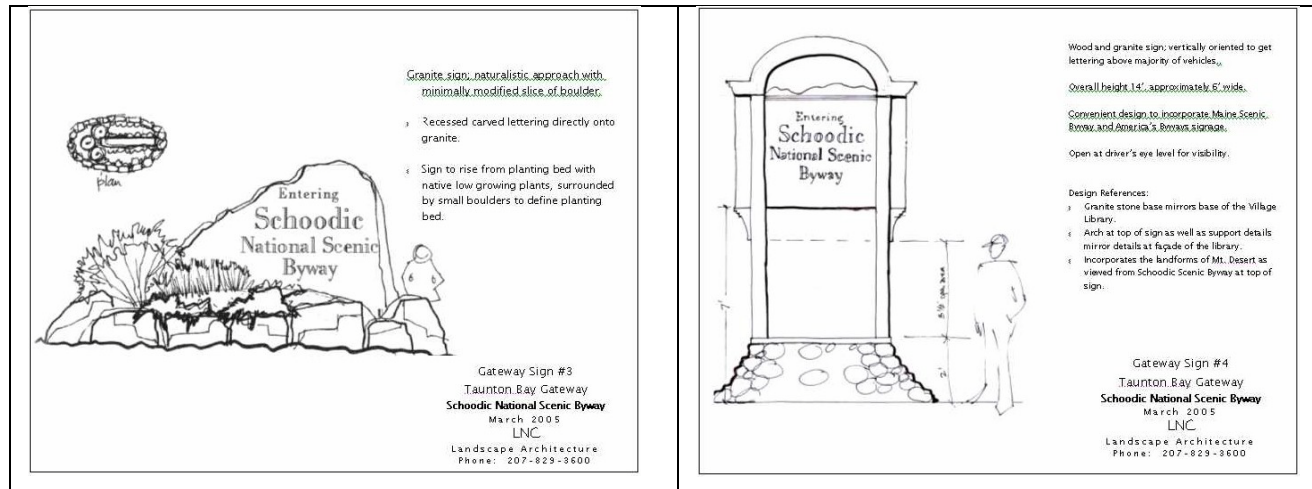
Trenton – Gateway Sign



Example with embossed image of the Bubbles on rectangular gray granite block

- Construction of this sign will depend on receipt of grant proposed in February, 2010. Award announcements are anticipated by the end of 2010.
- Design alternatives
 - Rectangular Granite Slab
 - Shaped granite slab– smaller than Schoodic
 - Lighthouse motif
 - Historic hanging sign motif
- Next: Jim present some alternative designs – see four examples designed for Schoodic National Scenic Byway entrance - below





Corridor Management Plans

1. Mapping – many maps have already been produced. Need to consolidate some of our information about the locations of intrinsic resources.
2. Assessment of intrinsic resources – much of this has been ongoing, particularly in the park, but also because Bar Harbor and Trenton have both recently passed comprehensive plans.
3. Strategies for enhancing intrinsic values

Design review – one of many examples

- Signage – active in Bar Harbor
- Cell Towers
- Buildings – working on this
- Goals and Objectives in CMP – towns adopt design review

4. Partners and responsibilities

a. Current partners include:

- Bar Harbor
- Trenton
- Acadia National Park
- Friends of Acadia
- Hancock County Planning Commission
- Chambers of Commerce
 1. Bar Harbor
 2. Trenton
 3. MDI Chambers

b. Note: Town of Mount Desert – may have more interest in byway participation.

5. Enhancing existing development (this is a lot like #3 above)
6. Public Outreach

- Need to schedule public meetings for presentation of planning process and review of goals, objectives and strategies.
- 7. Road safety review – ongoing, but new data are available in GIS format
- 8. Commercial Traffic
 - Commercial traffic is prohibited in the park
 - There is a lot of commercial traffic – supply trucks, gravel trucks
 - Land use – affecting commercial growth
 - RVs, Trailers
- 9. Anomalous intrusions
 - Signage
 - Flights
 - Commercial traffic
- 10. Documentation of compliance
 - State law
- 11. Signage rules
 - Sign wardens – on the committee
 - Design review process in Bar Harbor for signs
 - No non-park signs in ANP
 - Trenton has adopted signage ordinances
- 12. Byway Marketing Plan
 - Need to indicate strategies for tourism management
 - Partnership with chambers of commerce and AMP
 - Local, state and national websites
- 13. What we want when changes are made
 - Bar Harbor Route 3 CSS study underway
 - Park road – is historic – changes are generally very difficult to enact
 - Major changes in Trenton and Head of the Island
- 14. What you plan to do to explain and interpret
 - Park has a plan to re-do the scenic waysides
 - Blue star turnout – what facilities would be appropriate for this site
 - Blue Star interpretation
 - Bluffs

All American Road Supplement

1. Narrative on promotion, interpretation and marketing
2. Plan to Accommodate tourists
3. Multilingual needs
4. Document enforcement mechanisms

Next steps

- Work Plan for Update of the Corridor Management Plan
 - Tasks
 - Deliverables
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