

Acadia Byway Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Bar Harbor Town Office – upstairs meeting room near to auditorium

Minutes

Attending: Angie Chamberlain, Chris Fogg, John Kelly, Carol Walsh, Chris Vicente, Bill Haefele, Peter Lazas, Jim Fisher

[February 21, 2014 Acadia Byway Corridor Committee Minutes](#)

1) **Emera transmission line in Bar Harbor**

[\[Ellsworth American Article on Emera Transmission Line Project\]](#)

1. See map handout – on right
2. Town Hill Village Improvement Society opposes locating the line on Crooked Road
3. Emera has opened up the decision
4. There will be a substation meeting tomorrow (Thursday, July 31 6:00 PM) – at the Connors Emerson School – it appears that we won't be able to attend that meeting.
5. **Action:** Jim will circulate a draft letter to the committee for Angela to send a letter from the Byway Committee to Steve Sloan at Emera



2) **Route 3 reconstruction** (Formal public meeting on August 4th 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Bar Harbor Town Office) [\[MaineDOT Preliminary Design Report\]](#)

1. Public Meeting on August 4, 2014
2. Shared use path at COA
 1. Decided to stay on Route 3
 - 2.
3. Bluffs
 1. Rock fall zone
 2. Park would have to agree to removing some of the bluff
 3. Creating a scenic turnout on the north end of the bluffs – not designed
4. Bus stops
 1. Not incorporated

3) **The Bar Harbor Downtown Wayfinding Initiative** – byway participation – Chris Fogg

1. See Gamble Design draft plan [\[Gamble Design Draft Wayfinding Plan\]](#)
2. New Chair – Mike Rogers (with Coplon Associates)
3. The town has approved funding this program for construction in 2015 (\$250K)
 1. Will be paid through a cruise ship revenue bond
 2. Project looks very good
4. Chris showed the different sign styles
 1. Highway
 1. Sign at West Street – on right slope – town owned property
 2. Local Auto

3. Parking
4. Walking
5. Details are being designed now
 1. Specific words for the signs
 2. Specific locations for signs – coordination with Chip Reeves
 3. John Kelly
6. Byway Logo sign added to several wayfinding signs
7. Interpretive signs – also to be designed by Boyd Morrison at Gamble Design
8. Review by Parks and Recs Department
 1. John - Concern about the number of signs at the Village Green
 2. Need to see whether this sign will replace existing signs
 3. There are already two maps in the village green
 1. Island Explorer Map
 2. Historic walking tour map

4) Gateway signage at the Ellsworth / Trenton Boundary and Head of the Island

Larry Johannesman [Signage Concept Book](#) (02/04/14)

1. Trenton sign is currently too low
2. The person who mounted the sign – is willing to do the installation and secure the poles
 1. Bud Morris – Winkenpaugh Line Company
 2. Suggest adding steel bracing for the back of the sign
3. Mohr Signs – build sign
4. Wording – Acadia Scenic Byway – All American Road with National Logo



5) Interpretation and wayfinding at the Trenton Airport Terminal

1. Wayfinding Sign – Island Explorer, Scenic Byway
2. Interpretive sign – history of flight and the airport

6) Acadia Gateway Center Wayfinding

1. The Board of Directors for Downeast Transportation has offered to match the grant in order to install a wayfinding sign at the park-and-ride facility.
2. They have requested that the sign include a section that is interchangeable for DTI bus route maps, like the sign in the



Bar Harbor Village Green

3. Action: Jim will photoshop one or two concepts that use elements from the byway interpretive design, Gamble Design and DTI Village Green design.



7) Head of the Island Welcome Sign

1. The committee discussed whether we can use the Gamble Design template for a head of the Island
 1. Action - Jim – photoshop the Gamble sign with
Welcome to Mount Desert Island
Bar Harbor, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont
 2. Logo or no logo? Since this is not a directional sign and includes both on and off of the byway roads, the use of a logo might confuse drivers.
 3. Other byway signs need to be used to point down Route 3



8) Trenton traffic signal at the Route 204 intersection

1. Trenton Selectmen – not willing to fund signal / intersection maintenance
2. Lamoine requested the traffic signal
 1. They are willing to assist with paying for maintenance
 2. MaineDOT asking towns to pick up additional costs like striping
 3. Lamoine select board may decide a week from tomorrow
3. Bill Haeefe expressed concern about traffic congestion impacts of additional traffic signals.

9) Boating Infrastructure Grant - Jim informed the committee of this grant program and the opportunity to apply for funds that improve facilities for large recreational boats (yachts primarily)

10) Byway support letter for revisions to MAP 21

1. Jim received a request from the National Scenic Byway Foundation to contact national congressional delegation about proposed minor amendments to MAP 21 explicitly allowing funding for scenic byway related projects.
2. The Committee will review a draft letter advocating for MAP 21 language that includes byways related projects as eligible for funding.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM