

Acadia Byway Corridor Management Committee
9/13/2010
Bar Harbor Town Office

Attending: Ann Krieg, Bill Haefele, Pete Lazas, Jim Fisher, George Hopkins, Gary Fogg, Allison Navia, John Kelly

Visiting: Bill Stockman, Friends of Goose Cove (wsstockman@aol.com or 667-4736)

Acadia Sea Farms, inc. Proposal

John Kelly presented ANP considerations

- Proposal appears to have small visitor/ environmental impacts
 - No lighting
 - Minimal equipment – motor boats
 - Low noise levels

DMR Public Hearing – process *(NB. The hearing turned out to be very different from our expectations.)*

- 9/20/10
- DMR will only consider limited criteria
- Hearing officer issues report
- Department issues permits

Army Corpses of Engineers must approve the project

- Criteria may be a bit broader than DMR, may include scenic impacts

Bill Stockman – discussed perspective of Friends of Goose Cove (FOGC)

- Pre-application meeting was low key, project appeared small
- Project subsequently expanded to 50 acres
- FOGC Hired a lawyer and marine scientists
- Will seek to intervene at both DMR and Army Corpse reviews
- Prefer that this permit be denied
 - This form of aquaculture was developed for remote areas
 - This location is more densely populated and navigated
 - This is much larger than past leases - 50 acres
 - This is a relatively new technology
- Fall back
 - Would like to minimize the project
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Environmental Characteristics

- Eel grass
- Estuary areas

Airport – Allison Navia

- Airport is opposed to this project – based entirely on safety
- Each box can attract 15 seagulls – for a total of ___ seagulls
- Dispersants, such as cannons would send up seagulls into the center of the flight path
- Faye Lawson, County Commissioner, will speak on behalf of the airport
- The airport is also an intervener

Town of Trenton

- Not endorsing the project based on loss of property values on Goose Cove and potential negative impacts on tax payers

Action:

- Jim will redraft the letter, taking a stronger position against the project
- Include health impacts
- Include scenic inventory
- Drop year round economic benefits

Overhead Signs

- The signs come very late in the decision process
 - People are already in a lane and often go to the next intersection, turning left to get back onto Route 3
- Signs along the side of the highway
 - need additional vegetation clearing
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- Old County Road is a difficult turn for RVs

Action: Committee finds that the overhead signs are not serving a purpose

- Recommend that MaineDOT remove overhead signs
- Improve visibility of roadside signs

Welcome Sign

- Will await grant funding
- Need to reconsider use of granite in the island

Temporary Signs on the Traffic Island

The committee discussed the use of the traffic islands at the Route 3/Route 102 intersection with temporary signs. Jurisdiction is split between Trenton and Bar Harbor. Committee wishes to remove the signs.

- Special Events
- Garage Sales
- Real estate
- Business Signs
- Political signs

Action:

- Jim Fisher will contact MaineDOT about signage on the islands
- Find out who has the authority to remove signs from the islands

Future Grants

- Matching funds requirement
- Scenic turnout at the bluffs
- Matching funds – CIP contributions from cruise ships

CSS Process

- Jim, Anne and John described the planning process
- Looking at alternatives for road improvements
- Will want to consider ways to extend this analysis up the byway for the corridor management plan

Subdivision across from Park Entrance

- Proposal for a ten unit residential subdivision
- Park is requesting that the developer / town agree to a vegetative buffer
- Anne will send a letter to the planning board from the corridor committee encouraging they consider this.
- The planning board will consider this proposal on October 6

Next Meeting: October 18th 9:00 AM Hancock County Bar Harbor Airport