

**Acadia Byway Workshop**  
**11/8/2007**  
**Notes**

**Attending:** Ann Kreig, Ron, Chris, Angela, Kevin Murphy, Dick Crawford (Beatrix Farrand Society), Karen, Don and Martha Walls, Johanna, Stephanie, John Kelly, Peter Lord, Jim Fisher, ..., David Bowden, Jill Goldthwait, Maureen, Jodi

**Ann Kozak**

- History of Byway process
- Protecting historic resources
- Managing, not promoting tourism

**Ann Kreig** – Purpose of the byway

**Jim Fisher** – Byway process

**John Kelly** – Scenic Viewshed preservation

**Peter Lord** – Night Sky

**Questions**

Is there a way to use byway funds to help people to convert to shielded lighting?

- Yes, we want to pursue this.
- John Kelly – the park did this while reconstructing buildings.

How many points do you want to sample?

- Working with limited funds. Will seek some contrasts, good spots, bad spots, popular spots, spots that may be good future places for night sky gatherings.

Are there any town codes about light pollution?

- Anne – yes – the newly adopted comprehensive plan has a provision to seek to adopt model standards. Current lighting ordinances are good, but not sufficient.
- Peter – need to deal with road/street lighting with Bangor Hydro Electric and

Is there any resource for small business lighting?

- Peter - Clarissa at Town Hill EBS has one of the only shielded lighting displays in the region. We need to generate more demand to bring the suppliers along.

**Stephanie Clement** - Reviewing the 2000 plan (See handout)

- Things we have accomplished
- Things that we started
- Things accomplished that are related to the byway
- Projects not completed

## Questions and Comment on Priorities for the Byway

### Visitor Safety

- especially at the head of the island
- discourage people from biking and walking in the shoulders

### Projects on Route 3 (David Bowden)

- sidewalks at COA – should be extended to the ferry terminal
- should move utility poles out of the
- Can Trenton seek a lower standard of designation – state or national?
  - Jim – yes, but the state would like to have the same status for the length of the corridor
- Sections of Road – in Hulls Cove are becoming seriously deteriorated
  - Jim – byway funds are not used for road rebuilding, but the plan wins points in the competition for funding
  - MaineDOT has some flexibility for design on Scenic Byways, but ASHTO standards would call for some additional width
- Bar Harbor rep – cement is holding Route 3 together in Hulls Cove. Some additional width is going to be needed. Drainage, sewer and water systems will also need to be moved and improved. Canopy over Route 3 is causing icing on the road.
- Anne – this is in the long range plan

### Concerned about safety and speeding along the byway

- The head of the Island has more serious crashes now than there were back then.
- Need more enforcement of speeding.
- We need the local police to put more effort into stopping speeders.
- Also concerned about OUI.
- Higher fines, are needed.

Head of the Island – need a better solution than the current light (David Bowden)

- We should look at public opinion on this.
- Anne Krieg – MaineDOT is working on the design concept. Bar Harbor is interested in seeing the next rendition. Need to see how this can be staged.

### Is there much literature about the byway?

- Web resources
- Brochures
- Possibility of producing brochures in the future
- Acadia Gateway Center

### Should we do more to educate local businesses?

- We can encourage them to install shielded lighting, better signage, etc.
- Work with the chamber of commerce.

The Dark Skies project is a unique opportunity for us. This can be a positive way to engage people

Safety issues are very important.

Can we do other things to encourage transit? Downeast transit, other buses. Even in the off season traffic volumes are high.

How does the corridor committee set priorities? Have participants from ANP, Bar Harbor, Friends of Acadia.

- Stephanie – the committee has worked through consensus – identifying opportunities.

Support the dark skies demonstration project.

Want to highlight historical significance

- granite quarries
- Can we point some out with interpretive signs or brochures?

Do we need label everything? People seem to ignore the signs. People don't seem to appreciate our efforts.

Scenic views across private property

- Do we need funds to preserve the funds?
- Anne – the byways resources center is looking at support for conservation and viewshed easements.
- Jim – trees sometimes obstruct views
- John Kelly – we need to address the demand for cell towers and what they would do to our vistas

Recommend that we develop a brochure that slows people down.

Stephanie – wrap up – thanks for your ideas. We will organize them into a report. You are invited to our meetings. The dates are posted on [www.acadiabyway.org](http://www.acadiabyway.org)

Anne – Final thanks for participating.