

NCC Scenic Byways Meeting
January 9th, 2007
9:00-11:00

Present: Carol Barleon, Betsey Harding, Cynthia Briggs, Chris Thayer, Jayne O'Connor, Greg Placy, Ted Sutton, Kenneth Allen, and Mary Deppe.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 9am with introductions, passing out handouts, and review the minutes from the November 28th meeting. Cynthia Briggs moved to accept the minutes, Betsey seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Mary Deppe explained that NCC has been trying to update the contact list, but not many people have responded. Continued efforts will be made.

Grant Round

Carol discussed the 2007 Grant Round. The deadline for applications will be February 1st, 2007. There are currently four applications that will be submitted:

- 1.) WREN: Scenic Byway information kiosk
- 2.) AMC (working with NHDOT): Shoreline naturalization and protection around an area of Saco Lake
- 3.) White Mountains Attractions: Maps/Brochures highlighting different kinds of trails (covered bridge, waterfall, etc.)
- 4.) NCC: TBA (still developing the idea)

Future Meetings

The group decided that it would be beneficial to use two meeting dates in the spring to take a tour of the White Mountain Trail and look at all the scenic stops in order to help update the Corridor Management Plan. The idea is to do it in two parts so there will be no rushing. Chris Thayer said that AMC might be able to provide narrators as well as buses/vans for the tour. Cynthia Briggs suggested that we approach George Cleveland to narrate the North Conway section. Another person suggested that Janice Crawford and Bill Roy would also be good choices for narrators.

Membership

There was discussion about the membership/ mailing list. Some suggestions were made regarding the creation of two separate lists of membership. One list would be of the active committee members and the other would be a mailing list of people who do not attend meetings, but should be sent meeting minutes in order to stay notified of what is happening. Some of the people that should be added to the mailing list include Chamber of Commerce Presidents, Town Selectmen (on the byway), State Representatives (on the byway), and State Transportation Committee members. Chris Thayer offered to assist Mary Deppe in creating these lists.

National Scenic Byway vs. All-American Route

There was a lot of discussion about whether or not the White Mountain Trail/Kancamagus should apply for All-American Route designation. The opinion of the majority of committee members was that the benefits do not seem to be great and that

the White Mountain Trail/Kancamagus seems better suited as a National Scenic Byway. No decisions were made either for or against.

Corridor Management Plan

The committee reviewed and updated the Corridor Management Plan, starting at page 11. These updates are a work in progress and the committee will be emailed a copy with the edits visible by the end of the day. Some sections of the plan regarding numbers and statistics will be updated in the future upon receiving input from NH DOT or other relative organizations.

Other Items

Carol inquired as to whether or not the Town of Lincoln would be interested in doing a Corridor Management Plan to review what is currently there and what is needed now and in the future. Ted Sutton explained that the Town has been working with NH DOT on a new traffic plan that will help reduce congestion during the busy seasons. Part of the plan includes extending the bike path through town and building a park along the river. This plan will also discuss sidewalks and crossings. Ted made an inquiry regarding a Loon proposal that was initiated a number of years ago. Carol will follow up on this.

Carol will email the proposals for this grant round to Mary who will distribute them to Council members for review and ranking.

Jayne O'Conner discussed how White Mountain Attractions will be creating an audio tour of the byway that can be downloaded in sections on their website. She plans on creating a "wish list" of signs, info centers, etc. that are needed along the byway.

Suggestions for the next meeting:

- 1.) Update the CMP from page 12 through the end of the document.
- 2.) Discuss future tours of the White Mountain Trail/Kancamagus.
- 3.) Discuss changing the name of the byway between Twin Mountain and the Connecticut River to the "Ammonoosuc Trail" and highlight it as a connector between the two National Byways.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 20th** from 9am to 11am at the NCC Offices. Future meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every other month. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- **May 8th, 2007**
- **July 10th, 2007**
- **September 11th, 2007**
- **November 13th, 2007**

Minutes Approved: 3/20/07