

NCC Scenic Byways Meeting
March 20th, 2007
9:00-11:00

Present: Carol Barleon, Betsey Harding, Cynthia Briggs, Chris Thayer, Jack Rose, Kevin Donovan, Bruce Jackson, Edith Tucker, and Mary Deppe.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting started at 9:10 am with introductions, passing out handouts, and review the minutes from the January 9th meeting. Chris Thayer made a motion to accept the minutes, Cynthia Briggs seconded the motion, all were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Grant Round

Carol Barleon discussed the 2007 Grant Round. She explained that there was not enough time between the grant announcement and the deadline to allow the Council to participate in ranking the submitted proposals. She discussed the State Scenic Byways Council's ratings of the following applications:

- 1.) **WREN: Scenic Byway information kiosk.** This proposal could have been stronger. WREN is being encouraged to strengthen the proposal and reapply in the summer round.
- 2.) **AMC (working with NHDOT): Shoreline naturalization and protection around an area of Saco Lake.** This proposal was ranked 2nd, but did not submit the SF-424 form in time.
- 3.) **White Mountains Attractions: Maps/Brochures highlighting different kinds of trails (covered bridge, waterfall, etc.).** This proposal was ranked 3rd, but did not submit the SF-424 form in time.
- 4.) **Lancaster: Linking Waypoints and Beyond.** This proposal was ranked 7th, but did not submit the SF-424 form in time. (This project is located along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway.
- 5.) **NCC: National Byways Point of Interest Identification and Inventory.** This project ranked 5th and submitted all information on time.
- 6.) **Statewide Scenic Byway Website and Brochure.** This project ranked 1st and submitted all information on time.

Carol explained that for all applicants that did not submit the SF-424 in time, they're applications will either be reviewed anyway or they will be asked to resubmit in the next round with the form.

Mary Deppe explained that the grants.gov process can be difficult and recommended that organizations start this process early to avoid problems like this in the future.

Carol also mentioned that the 2008 grant round will be announced in the fall as well the 2007 awards.

Corridor Management Plan

Chris Thayer mentioned that every few years the Council will be going through the CMP and making appropriate changes. The last update was in 2003.

The committee reviewed and updated the Corridor Management Plan, starting at page 12 and got through to page 15. These updates are a work in progress and the committee will be emailed a copy with the edits visible by the end of the week. 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.

Future Meetings

The group decided that instead of having a "business as usual" meeting in May, we will be taking tours of the National Byways. Tours will be in two parts, the Kancamagus Trail and Bear Notch Road and the White Mountain Trail. Chris Thayer has volunteered use of the AMC vans as well as a driver. The tentative dates

for the tours are Tuesday, May 15th (White Mountain Trail) and Tuesday, May 29th (Kancamagus Trail/Bear Notch Road). Chris will be talking with Mary to firm up the dates once he knows if the vans will be available. Bruce Jackson suggested having a Forest Ranger or Alexis Jackson (Public Affairs Officer of the Forest Service) speak at one/some of the stops along the tour of the Kancamagus Trail. Someone else suggested having Dick Hamilton speak about the White Mountain Trail. Any other suggestions for speakers are welcomed. Chris suggested having the Council members ride in the van and the speakers and other guests follow in cars and meet at the stopping locations because the bus can only hold 14 passengers.

Mary will be contacting the group with the date, times, and departure areas once that information becomes available.

Membership

There was discussion about the membership/mailling list. Mary handed out a draft of the membership and mailing list. This is a work in progress and any help offered in updating these lists is greatly appreciated. Please note that many efforts have been made to contact committee members to see if they would like to remain on the committee.

Other Items

Edith Tucker said that she thought it was a bad idea to change the name of the byway between Twin Mountain and the Connecticut River to the "Ammonoosuc Trail".

Edith Tucker mentioned that there will soon be a public hearing about the Twin Mountain Cell Tower. It was her understanding that are a lot of people against this proposal while many are in support of it.

Suggestions for the next meetings:

- 1.) Take tours of the White Mountain Trail/Kancamagus.

********Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every other month. Please note that the tours have been cancelled and we will have a regular meeting on May 15th. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:***

- May 15th, 2007
- September 11th, 2007
- November 13th, 2007

Minutes Approved: 5/15/07