

**Maine DOT Bar Harbor Route 3 Gateway Project Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 8, 2011 9:30-11:30 AM
Church of Our Father**

Minutes

Attending: Fred Michaud, Ron Beard, Lewis Gerrish, Paul MacQuinn, Dean Read, Jim Fisher, Chris Fogg, Sharon Tate, Bonnie Lyons, Kyle Johnson, Anne Krieg, Kim Harty, John Kelly, Stephanie Clement

**Announcement: Public Meeting February 28, 2011 6:30 PM
Bar Harbor Town Office Auditorium**

Reflections

- Dean Read: Bike pedestrian improvements will be a big boost to the local businesses
- Is there funding to do this?
 - Eventually. This will be implemented in phases.
- How many phases?
 - Might be four. If there is sufficient funding, some phases might be combined.
- Paul MacQuinn
 - If funding is short, when do we decide to pare back on the proposal?
 - Preliminary design for the entire project should happen first.
 - Want to have the entire corridor shovel ready
- Why phases? Can't we do this all at once?
 - Funding is a challenge
 - Might be challenging to do the entire project at once because of traffic impacts
 - Have to balance this against the impact of construction over many years

January 19, 2011 Minutes: No corrections noted

Review Draft Report and seek consensus for recommendations:

- Preamble and matrix – no comments

Ireson Hill, including area around Church of Our Father and Hulls Cove School House

Top of Ireson Hill to Hulls Cove School House

- Eleven foot lanes and five foot shoulders
- Shift centerline a little to the south/west

Questions

- Need to be aware that Gerrish's building is close to road
- Paul MacQuinn - consider moving some of the utility poles to avoid some houses
- Narrow canopy section is very tight



- Some of the iron drainage pipes have rotted away and need to be replaced
- Sony Gerrish – want to know what kind of an entrance will remain after this work is completed
 - Details need to be addressed in the design phase

School House to Hulls Cove Section

- Removed cement wall(s)
- Pave 5' shoulder
- Curb and sidewalk on west side from motels to village
- General support was expressed for this section

Questions

- What happens to the wall on the shore side?
- Where will the crosswalk be?
 - A little north of the School house



Hull's Cove School House Existing



Possible Treatment: Low Stone / Granite Block Wall and Planted Slope

Hulls Cove Village Section

- Eleven foot travel, five foot shoulders
- Five foot sidewalk and ≈3 foot esplanade – west side
- Unresolved section where businesses are concentrated.
- Right of way is extremely limited near the businesses area.
- General agreement on the design passing beach and motel

Questions

- Undergrounding utilities deserves consideration. Would be less expensive than early rough estimates
 - MaineDOT is unlikely to pay for burying utilities.
 - Local funds must pay for the work
- What will the commercial section look like?
 - Have not solved this challenge
 - Might have trail loop behind some stores



Hull's Cove Sidewalk to Service Colony Motel



Hull's Cove - Opposite Direction from Above

- Might purchase and move or remove buildings, but this would require discussion with owners

Entrance to Acadia / The Bluffs

Hulls Cove to Park Service Entrance

- Remove third lane up through the park service entrance. Add shoulder, esplanade, coping stones and walkway
- Need to redesign entrance road and improve signage – make the choices clear, there is no passing lane or climbing lane here
- General agreement on this concept.



Questions

- John Kelly requested more detailed design work
 - Want to make sure that the shorter entrance will not create confusion.
 - Need to sort out complexity of bicycles using the service road entrance, make sure they are not at conflict with park service vehicles.
- Suggestion to consider various treatments to enforce correct separation of vehicles
 - Signage
 - Striping, or medians with low, mountable curbs

Park Service Entrance to Bluffs – no new illustrations

- Eleven foot lanes, five foot shoulders, no sidewalk
- No Questions

Bluffs

- Eleven foot travel lanes and five foot shoulders, no sidewalk
- General agreement that a safe means for creating a pullout is important



Questions

- Suggest considering designs that create one or two parking areas to the sides of the steepest bluffs section with a connecting trail
- John Kelly
 - Would like to see illustrations for this section
 - Advocate putting power lines underground through this section
- Suggest documenting the ice conditions along the bluff

Duck Brook to Mount Desert Street, including area from College of the Atlantic to West Street

Highbrook Road Section

- Eleven foot travel, five foot shoulders
- Five foot collector sidewalk plus esplanade on west side connecting hotels and to Highbrook Road
- Cross walk to improved sidewalk on shore side
- General support for the concept

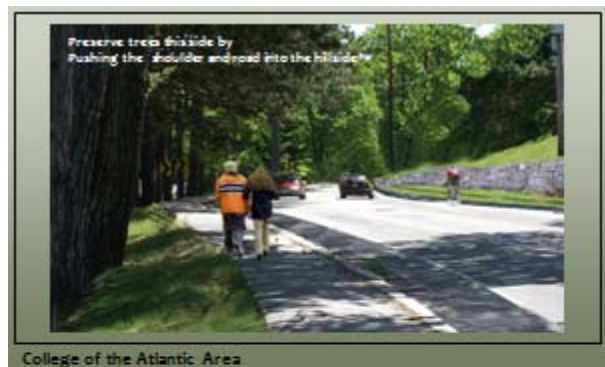


Questions

- What materials will be used for sidewalks
 - MaineDOT will provide a basic asphalt sidewalk and cement curbing
 - Town can upgrade if the town pays the difference
- If existing curbing is granite, it will be repaired or replaced with material of equal or better value.
- Needs to get some pedestrians to a bus stop on Highbrook Road
- Needs to get other pedestrians to the cross walk and sidewalk on the shore side.

COA Section to West Street

- Eleven foot travel, five foot shoulders
- 2' hardened esplanade, 8' shared path,
- Will seek to avoid any harm to historic sites on west side of road
- Land sloped off of road
- Walls relocated, more ornamental than structural
- driveway built up so they approach at a 2 percent slope



Questions

- Can you reduce the shoulder width here?
 - Not recommended, but will be considered
 - Might further reduce or remove the esplanade
 - Underground drainage will require grates and manholes which bikes need to dodge



Other Questions and Comments

- The illustrations show easier sections. Would like to see illustrations through the more difficult sections, like Jack Russell's.

- MaineDOT will do these detailed start to finish designs during preliminary engineering
- Is there still an opportunity to change the design?
 - Yes, this is conceptual and it is only a recommendation
 - Public meetings will also be held during the design phase
 - Members of this committee are requested to stay on as community representatives during the design phase

Preparation for February 28 Public Meeting

- Publicity for the Public Meeting
 - Press Release
 - Web Site
 - Word of mouth
- Comments in getting ready
 - Need to emphasize that this is a conceptual stage – details will be worked out during design

Next Committee meeting: March 8, 2011 9:30 AM Church of Our Father

Final Public Meeting: April 27, 2011 6:30 PM Bar Harbor Town Hall

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