

**Black Woods Byway Corridor Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 17, 2011**  
**8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**  
**DART / DERC&D Office**  
**Minutes**

**Attending:** Rex Turner, Charlie Corliss, Greg Burr, Jim Fisher, Peter Witham,

Guard Rail – Cherryfield installed galvanized guardrail

- 2012 National Scenic Byways Grant Request for Proposals
  - Concepts
    - Trails and Facilities
    - Gateways
      1. Franklin – Collaboration with Sunrise Trail
      2. Cherryfield
        1. collaboration with Bold Coast Scenic Byway
        2. Riverfront visitor area - Historical Park
          1. Cannon
            1. Gleason Campbell – brought the cannon back from Boston
            2. Accident took off an arm
            3. Abandoned by the river
            4. Re-used as a weight in the church tower
            5. Rescued and restored
            - 6.
          2. Forest Mill Dam
            1. Electric Generation
            2. Foundry
            3. Grist Mill
            4. Lumber mill
              1. Stave
              2. Shingles and Lathes
          3. In November book signing at Cherryfield General Store
          4. General concept is very popular – timing is very difficult
          5. Obligations – to restore historical society
        3. Railroad Station Information area
      - Marketing - Map / Brochure
  - Matching funds
    - Rex Turner - LMF Funds have been spent
      1. Used funds for 2011
      2. Donnell Pond – don't have any project
      3. Would use Recreational Trails Program –might not be eligible for match
    - Greg Burr -IF&W
      1. Branch Lake money might be used for Spring River Lake – perhaps next fall
      2. Same parking area
      3. Funds are already matched

- Other Submission requirements

DOC working with a company to create a mobile application for Maine State Parks  
Rex will find out the name of the company

- American Hiking Society Grant RFP -  
<http://www.americanhiking.org/our-work/national-trails-fund/#How%20do%20I%20apply?>

Might hold a grant to match 2013 RTP funds  
Higher trails crew – cost about \$5,000 per week

Bangor Hydro Funds – Contact Steve Sloan

- Paid fee for use of the Sunrise Trail
- Fee for use of state lines off of the corridor
- \$120,000 total
  - \$60,000 for Sunrise Trail
  - Purchase a tractor and attachments

First Wind

- Blue Sky East LLA / Bull Hill, LLC
- Future source of matching funds
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- Franklin Byway Extension
  - Local support
  - Corridor Plan Support
- Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce – Maine’s Best Regional Guide

Contact information for printed page:

[www.blackwoodsbyway.org](http://www.blackwoodsbyway.org)  
[www.parksandlands.com](http://www.parksandlands.com)  
[www.sunrisetrail.org](http://www.sunrisetrail.org)  
[www.cherryfieldhistorical.com](http://www.cherryfieldhistorical.com)



Reference to Donnell Pond Public Lands

Parks and Lands – 941-4412 (Nicole – Eastern Region Office)

Fishing – IF&W Website – stocking information – not specific to the area

IF&W 434-5925 – for fishing information

- Updates
  - IF&W
    - Tunk Lake signage being updated – yard arm is up
    - Charlie – southern yellow pine support posts are warping a lot
    - Seeking a new boat ramp at Spring River Lake
      1. Site is surveyed
      2. funds are matched already

- Tunk Mountain Sign
  1. Might put information on fishing – invasive species
  2. Illegal stocking

BP&L - Rex Turner

Using LMF and Recreational Trails funds

- Long Pond Boat Ramp
- Spring River Lake Outlet Campsite
- Tunk Mountain Trail Head
  - Parking
  - Privy
  - Sign
  - Trail work – MCC Crew –
    - bog bridges
    - stone step construction
    - one iron rung
    - hidden ponds – one mile spur loop
    - technical rock work – trail to northern view point
  - Additional work needed
    - Reroute to the west of trail
    - Need more stone steps, water bars,
    - Need to harden the surface more
- Signs and Kiosks
  - Borrowed a crew to put sign in at Tunk
  - Planning a smaller panel for Spring River Lake, Schoodic Beach, Black Mountain Trail Heads
  - Would like to have a byway map that shows
  - Panel showing partnerships- who paid for the work
  - Need a new brochure for the Donnell Pond unit – would use this map for the kiosk
- Survey work
  - Will be analyzing some counter data and interviews with hikers
  - Would like to do survey work
- Dynamite Brook Road
  - Small parking lot on the side of the road
  - Trail sign to Caribou Loop
- Interest in plowing the parking area at Tunk
  - Towns
  - First Wind
- **Down East Sunrise Trail**
  - Damage to trail from heavy equipment
  - Seeing more evidence of problems this fall
  - Compacting of patches may not be holding up
  - Nine mile extension of trail from Ayers Junction to Perry – Route 1
  - Washington Junction – Kiosk nearly complete
    - Need to install the center board
  - Sunrise Trail to Fiery Mountain trail?



- Mile 14 –trailhead, continues to boat launch on Donnell Pond
    - Portion might be on private land
  - Washington Junction to Ellsworth
    - Project manager assigned
    - Preliminary engineering this winter
  - Lamoine Trail Club will not be grooming from Washington Junction to Tunk Lake Road section this year
  - Narraguagus club will try to groom from Harrington to Washington Junction
    - Funding from a municipal grant – if funds remain
    - Grooming between 1 to 3 times per week
  - Beaver activities have picked up
    - Would like to bring some trappers into the area
- **Publication Winter's Glow: Maine's Down East Sunrise Trail** By [Seth Levy](#) Sunrise Trail featured in Rails to Trails 2012 Winter Edition  
[Read the short summary here!](#) Be sure to follow the link on to the full article or [click here](#).
  - Other Business



#### Suggestions

Can we pull together a marketing committee?

How would we work with DART?

Picnic tables – may be turning into campsite?