

Blackwoods Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee Meeting
Cherryfield – Downeast RC&D
October 03, 2007
Minutes

Attending: Charlie Hitchings, Susan McLucas, Jen Boothroyd, Dick Fickett, Greg Burr, Gary Edwards, Charlie Corliss, Jim Fisher, Jeremy Gabrielson,

Future Improvement needs

1. Greg Burr - Tunk Lake Site
 - 1.1. Asking for tree trimming for the northern entrance to improve safety
 - 1.2. MaineDOT is adding gravel to the parking area on northern side of road
 - 1.3. Still need to organize the parking area, add the privy and other enhancements

2. Access to Spring River Lake – Ask Chuck
 - 2.1. IF&W is still pursuing improvements to the Hay Rack Road to provide motor boat access to Spring River Lake
 - 2.2. There are several new applications for private boat ramps pending
 - 2.3. The committee discussed whether private owners would agree not to fish from motor boats, but concluded that such an agreement would be unenforceable.

3. Route 182 Repaving
 - 3.1. going well, with much of the paving now complete
 - 3.2. still to add guard rails in some locations

4. Concern is shifting now to road quality in Franklin and Hancock
 - 4.1. Crown is too high
 - 4.2. Edge of road is deteriorating

5. Questions were raised about imposing weight limits on Route 182
 - 5.1. Currently this road is not posted during the spring
 - 5.2. with the improvements happening now, posting is even less likely
 - 5.3. There is no other likely mechanism to restrict truck weight specifically on Route 182
 - 5.4. Some traffic may shift back to Route 1 when construction in Sullivan is completed this fall or next spring

6. Road width around Fox Pond
 - 6.1. The committee still has concerns about safety of the road width and geometry for trucks
 - 6.2. The committee encouraged hardening shoulders and paving shoulders as part of any current or future work on Route 182.

7. Still concerned about speeding
 - 7.1. Route 182 is a shortcut for local drivers and long-haul truckers
 - 7.2. Traffic Calming – warning signs and other measures to encourage people to slow down were encouraged by the committee. Enforcement remains a challenge.

8. Signage needs (can help to calm traffic)
 - 8.1. Awareness of safety issues
 - 8.2. Scenic Turnouts with warning signs
 - 8.3. Interpretation – e.g. History of Logging

9. No progress on removal of the dilapidated Pearly Leighton House
 - 9.1. State owns the property
 - 9.2. Jim will pursue permits for demolition.

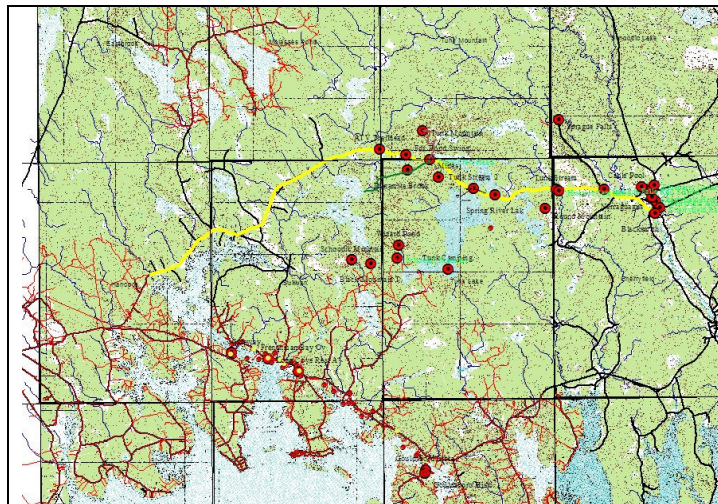
10. Ruth Myrick Property on Catherine’s Hill
 - 10.1. would be an optimal trail head but remains in private hands
 - 10.2. Jim will contact the owners to see whether they are interested in selling the property or granting an easement for recreational use.

Geo-Tourism Initiative

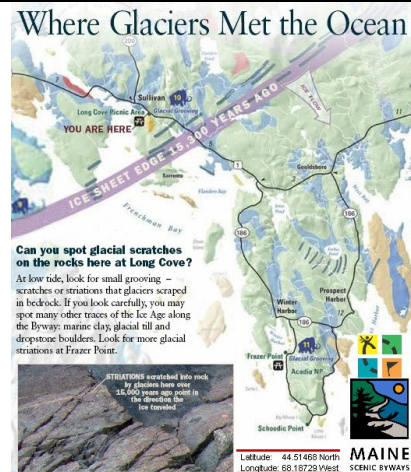
Jim described the enhanced mapping/geo-tourism initiative

(see: www.hcpcme.org/blackwoods/proposals/2006/app_53907_mapping.pdf)

- Jim projected a map of the Blackwoods Byway
- Committee members suggested places that they thought small interpretive panels / virtual geo-caches would be appropriate.
- Jim and Jen will contact the Franklin Historical Society and Town of Franklin for input
- Jim, Jen and Jeremy will contact the Cherryfield Historical Society and others about locations in and around Cherryfield.



Sample Map Indicating Locations of Interest for Geo-Tour Signs



Sample Geo-Tour Sign – Size approximately 8½” * 11”

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7th 8:30 AM