

Route 9D Corridor Management Plan
Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 24, 2006
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM
Location: Garrison Union Free School
Attendees: Sarah Geer, Steering Committee Chair
Fred Osborn, Resident
Hank Osborn, Resident
Michael Gibbons, Greenway/Planning Board
Anita Prentice, School Board President
Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT
Gretchen Teal, NYSDOT
Kirby Brown, Resident
Kerry Meehan, Resident
David Lilburne, Emergency Services
Anne M. Nichter, Business Owner
Gloria Colucci, School Superintendent
Nancy Wareham-Gordon, Resident
Michael McGee, Philipstown Greenway

Meeting Summary:

I. Introductions

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, welcomed meeting attendees. The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

II. Review of draft CMP

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, distributed extra copies of the draft CMP to committee members. This document was previously sent to committee members for final review and comments. Some minor corrections (i.e., spelling, grammar, etc.) were not discussed as a group but were submitted to Sandra Jobson as written edits on the provided document copies.

Chapter I. Introduction

- Page 5 – Fred Osborn, committee member, suggested that mentions of the bicycle paths/interpretive centers/access points be added to the Vision Statement. Sarah Geer, committee chair, will incorporate these ideas into the Vision Statement.
- Page 5 – The second sentence in the “Goals” section (“The goals establish a framework...improving safety for the community and the region.”) will be added to the front cover, as per the suggestion of Hank Osborn, committee member.
- Page 6 – Reverse the order of Goal#1 and Goal#2 in the Category III Transportation section.

Chapter II. Inventory of Intrinsic Qualities

- Pages 9-10 - Anne Nichter, committee member, will provide more information to Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, on Constitution Island, to be added to this section.
- Page 10 – Anita Prentice, committee member, Change the title of “Anthony’s Nose” to “Appalachian Trail/Anthony’s Nose.”
- Pages 10-12 – Fred Osborn, committee member, requested that the paragraphs describing the hikes be rewritten to eliminate sentence fragments and to include directions how to find every trail.
- Pages 10-12 – Hank Osborn, committee member, suggested that information on where to find the hiking maps (the New York/New Jersey trail conference website) be included in this section, along with a statement that the trails are open to the public.
- Pages 15-16 – Change all references of “Manitoga” to “Manitoga/Russel Wright Center.” Also mention that the Manitoga/Russel Wright Center is the first Historical Landmark in Putnam County.
- Page 17 – In Figure 7, change the description from “Osborn Castle” to “Castle Rock” for consistency.

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- Page 17 – Anita Prentice, committee member will email information on “Wing and Wing” to Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, to be included in this section.
- Page 18 – Fred Osborn, committee member, suggested rewording the paragraph on the “Mandeville House” be reworded to state, “...currently owned by a private foundation and open to the public on a limited schedule.”
- Pages 18, 21 – Fred Osborn, committee member, suggested that information on the Garrison Landing Association (GLA), a conservation organization established in the late 1960’s, which owns and manages the park, marina, and most of the houses in the Garrison Landing Historic District, be included in the section on the Garrison Landing Historic District.
- Page 22 – Sarah Geer, committee chair, noted that the full name for “The St. Philip’s Church” is “The St. Philip’s Church in the Highlands.”
- Page 22 – Anita Prentice, committee member, noted that all references to “The Garrison Union Free School” ought to be changed to “The Garrison School.”
- Page 24 – Anita Prentice, committee member, noted that the Eagle’s Rest Estate was purchased by The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society and not the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America (left column, 2nd paragraph).
- Page 24 – Based on the suggestions by Anne Nichter, committee member, Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, will check online for more information on the Dick’s Castle inventor.
- Pages 26-27 – Anne Nichter, Committee member, mentioned that Plumbush was owned and lived in by Countess Rizzo until the 1960’s. Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, will check online for more information.
- Page 27 – Fred Osborn, committee member, noted that West Point Foundry is currently owned by Scenic Hudson and is being restored for public use.
- Hank Osborn, committee member, suggested information on the Greenway Community be added to this section. He will email this information to Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT. He also suggested that a picture of the Greenway logo be included with the write-up.

Chapter III. Transportation

- Page 30 – Anita Prentice and Gloria Colucci, committee members, will email to Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, information on the Garrison Union Free School District and the Haldene School District bus route schedules along Route 9D.
- Page 31 – the Truck Origin/Destination Study is not as thorough as Fred Osborn, committee member, would like, but Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, pointed out that it is useful baseline data that future studies can expand upon.
- Page 33 – The Roadway Geometrics Table – add a 3rd asterisk with commentary to the effect of: “recommendations are based on the committees wish to preserve scenic quality of corridor.
- Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, will email to the committee members the “Traffic Calming 101” paper she wrote, along with the NYSDOT Highway Design Manual Chapter 25 "Traffic Calming" with its Appendices A-C. This chapter explains the different Facility Categories.

Chapter IV. Goals & Objectives

- Pages 41-42 – switch order of Transportation Goal #1 and Transportation Goal #2.
- Page 41 – under Transportation Goal #1 Objectives, switch order of 1st bullet (“Roadway Ownership Transfer”) and 2nd bullet (“Town/County Actions to Consider if Route 9D Scenic Byway Roadway Ownership is Transferred from the State to the Town/County”).

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- Eliminate the “#1” and “#2” in the Safety Goals and the Transportation Goals, since this implies priority.

Chapter V. Implementation Strategy

- No comments.

Chapter VI. Public Involvement

- Expand on the Public Workshop I information.
- Add information on Public Workshop II after it is held (May 23, 2006).
- Add that all Steering Committee Meetings have been open to the public.

Chapter VII. Resources

- Add the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference website to the list.

III. Next Steps

The next Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2006 from 7-8:30pm at the Garrison Union Free School Library. The focus of the meeting will be to prepare the second Public Workshop, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006. Sarah Geer, Steering Committee Chair, will announce the Public Workshop at the next Town Board meeting on May 4, 2006. Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, informed the committee members that volunteers will be needed at the second Public Workshop to present the CMP to the community.

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, will take more photographs along the Corridor and include these in the CMP. Committee members were encouraged to take photographs as well, to be included in the CMP.