

Route 9D Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan
Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 3, 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
Paul LoGallo, NYSDOT
Kirby Brown, Resident
Erik Lismanis, Resident
David Lilburne, Emergency Services
Anne M. Nichter, Business Owner
Terry Polhemus, Business Owner
Nancy Wareham-Gordon, Resident

Meeting Summary:

I. Introductions

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, welcomed meeting attendees. The meeting attendees introduced themselves. A copy of the latest version of the CMP map was presented. There was a clarification on which locations along the corridor are officially hamlets. As a result Glenclyffe (spelling to be changed to Glyncliffe) and Manitou will still be listed as place names but not be called hamlets.

II. Review of updated “Goals and Objectives” (Part IV of CMP)

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, distributed extra copies to committee members. This document was previously sent to committee members for final review and comments. Committee members expressed a desire among themselves and in the community at large that the Byway limits be expanded northward in the future but were in understanding that the initial focus will be on the currently designated limits. Some minor corrections (ie spelling, grammar, etc) were not discussed as a group but were submitted to Sandra Jobson as written edits on the provided document copies.

Category I: Safety

Goal: Promote vehicular safety along the Route 9D Scenic Byway.

- **Goal title will add “pedestrians” to better reflect all Byway users**
- **Objective: Intersections and Driveways**
 - The “Soccer Field” entry was vague, the entry will be changed to the more specific “Philipstown Park”
 - “Glyncliffe” (Philipstown Community Center) spelling difference on CMP map was mentioned
 - Hank Osborn and others suggested that traffic signals be added to list of possible solutions. The committee was in agreement that the list will not rule out or recommend specific future installations/improvements as that is not the purpose of the CMP.
 - The language will be looked into because of the feeling that the locations were cited as “dangerous” at the Public Workshop.
- **Objective: Speed/Passing Zones**
 - David Lilburne, Emergency Services, stated that other residents have expressed their desire that the speed limit in the southern portion of the Byway past Route 403 should not be lowered further and at minimum remain unchanged because of the limited effectiveness due to current lack of enforcement in that area.

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- The possible sharing of police speed enforcement resources with the Village of Cold Spring was mentioned.

- **Objective: Privately Owned Roadside Features**

- Sarah Geer, Committee Chair, raised the concern that the section on “Privately Owned Roadside Features” would limit use of such features as traffic calming measures.
- It was stated that the roadside features section is a list a suggested limits/alternatives and only pertains to objects placed by adjacent property owners within the State owned Right-of-Way that create a potential hazard to the traveling public.
- An objective will be added that supports the use of traffic calming along the corridor, as determined appropriate.

Goal: Develop safe access to hiking trails and historic sites along the Route 9D Scenic Byway.

- Anne Nichter stated that there should be firmer control of driveway construction so that unsafe entrances are not built without adherence to State and Local guidelines.

Category II: Recreation

- Hank and Fred Osborn provided Sandra Jobson with copies of the proposed Greenway Trail Linkage plans and vision with the “Hudson River Ramble” Triathlon information.

Category III: Preservation

- Objective: Storm Water Management
 - Michael Gibbons stated that the Town of Philipstown already has a Storm Water Management Plan developed as per Federal Regulations and is in partnership with other government entities in the plan’s administration.
- Objective: Scenic Byway Marketing/Tourism/Interpretation
 - Fred Osborn stated that informational/interpretive sites study should be present on the north and south ends of the Byway.
- Objective: Lighting
 - The Committee is in agreement that the CMP will not list recommendations for lighting treatments and will remain as written.

Category IV: Transportation

Goal: Develop a strategy for the restriction of 18-wheeler, through trucks along the Route 9D Scenic Byway.

- **Objective: Roadway Ownership Transfer**

- Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, restated that the position of the State on the truck restrictions as a State owned facility has been made and explained at previous committee meetings. The Committee is in understanding of the State’s position.
- It was pointed out that the same laws and regulations that apply to Route 9D as a state road will still apply to the roadway if ownership of the Byway is transferred to a local government.
- “Pending” will be removed from this section’s wording as transfer is not a determined outcome

Goal: Evaluate potential consequences of restricting 18-wheeler through trucks from the Route 9D Scenic Byway.

- **Objectives: Analysis, Route 9**

- “Pending” will be removed from this section.
- The formation of the Route 9 committee was recognized.

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III. Review of draft “Inventory of Intrinsic Qualities”, (Part II of CMP)

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, distributed extra copies to committee members. The committee was pleased with the contents. Corrections to the text were submitted by committee members in writing at the meeting’s conclusion if not brought up in the discussion. One suggested modification to the document was to make it more clear what the original state of the historic feature was and what the current state of those features is. Another suggested clarification was that the historic marker section contains the actual text on the sign.

IV. Review of “Implementation Strategy” of CMP

Sandra Jobson, NYSDOT, distributed extra copies to committee members. It was commented that the categories should be in the same order as the “Goals and Objectives” if it changes. Each of the items was reviewed by the committee and some of the responsibility and assistance designations were corrected. One such change was to upgrade the State and Federal responsibility for the Storm Water Management Regulations. The meaning of “carrying capacity” in terms of site preservation was clarified to mean the sustainable amount of visitors/tourism to a site rather than being confused with waterway sediment levels etc..

V. Next Steps

- The next Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2006 at the Garrison Union Free School Library from 7-8:30 PM and the focus will be to review the CMP in its entirety.
- The next Public Workshop is tentatively set for May 23, 2006. The nature of this meeting will be more informational than the last public workshop.
 - Kirby Brown, resident, suggested that committee members should meet in person or call other committee members not able to attend a meeting so that steering committee members are more involved and everyone is on the same page. Having all committee members well informed is important so that they can answer any questions raised at the public workshops.
- The Steering Committee agreed to support the formation of the Route 9 committee and Sarah Geer will sign the letter on behalf of the Route 9D Steering Committee to Supervisor Mazzuca.