

Scenery Preservation Council Public Hearing

Route 100B Byway Designation

December 12, 2005

Moretown Town Hall

Tom Kennedy, staff to the SPC opened the Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Tom provided a brief explanation on the Byway designation process outlined the Vermont Byway Program Manual. Kennedy discussed the timeline and next steps after tonight's hearing.

Approximately 20 local people attended the Hearing. Sign-in sheet attached to these notes.

Members of the public thanked the Central Vermont RPC and particularly Steve Gladczuk for their assistance up to this point.

The Middlesex Selectboard supports the designation and looks forward to implementing the byway recommendations.

The Designation will mesh nicely with traffic calming efforts and the VTrans Enhancement Grant. Pedestrian safety is extremely important in the villages along this route.

Warren Vail from VTrans (former Byway Coordinator) was thanked for his early help and encouragement. Folks are excited to be at this point.

The Designation is a "great idea" and there needs to be a strong emphasis on land preservation through donations of greenways from willing landowners. Once designated the Byway Committee should seek federal funds to preserve agriculture and recreation resources in the Valley.

The Moretown Planning Commission unanimously supports the designation request and has sent a letter of support. It fits with the goals of the Town Plan and a mapping exercise that was undertaken dovetails with the Byway Program.

This corridor will continue to be good for all users, not just those in motorized vehicles. Better education will encourage slower traffic speeds.

Folks should consider seeking to have the rural corridor placed on the National Register.

Tom Kennedy summarized the process and next steps. He and the Council members in attendance thanked everyone for their very positive input.