

**Public Hearing
Route 2 Byway
November 1, 2006
7:00**

In Attendance: Ruth Waldman, David Borthwick-Leslie, Pat Rainville, John LaBarge, Ohmer Corbin, Ira Trombley, Bonnie Waninger, Diane Gayer, Debbie Evans, Jill Michaels and Tom Kennedy

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Jill Michaels, Chair of the Scenery Preservation Council.

Ruth Waldman gave a brief description of the Byway. The Byway is 30 miles in length, beginning at the Causeway on Route 2 and ends at the Canadian Border in Alburg.

Ruth Waldman described that the Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest RPC visited and received endorsements from all the Selectboards and Planning Commissions along the Byway.

The communities along the byway hope that the designation will strengthen the local economy, while at the same time protecting the interests of residents living along the byway.

The communities along the byway hope to use byway funds bike and pedestrian facilities, signage, interpretative and marketing materials.

Bonnie Waninger stated that the Regional Planning Commission board would be making a formal vote on the corridor plan at its next meeting and did not foresee any problems with her board endorsing the plan.

Ira Trombley, a legislator representing the area stated that the Byway would have a positive influence on the economy and is helping communities to think more regionally about the Route 2 corridor.

Tom Kennedy discussed the next steps in the process: the SPC will be voting on the plan at its next meeting in December, and if the vote is affirmative, then the Transportation Board would be holding a public hearing in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22PM