

Stowe may be an option. Bonnie Waninger stated past concerns, such as impact on property rights and overtaxing the road system, have been well addressed.

Peter Gregory asked how the corridor management plan fits with the broader effort of the Lake Champlain byway. Ms. Wallman pointed out the route in Grand Isle connects to the existing Lake Champlain byway. There is no anticipation of any problems. A business roundtable in Grand Isle will likely be the group to implement the corridor management plan along with others who want to be involved. Town management will be the initial force behind the implementation. Deb Evans asked about the concerns expressed. Ms. Waninger stated people were concerned about impact on their property, use in Act 250 review, extra traffic.

Ms. Wallman will submit letters of support to John LaBarge. A public hearing on the corridor management plan was scheduled for 7 p.m. on 11/1/06 at the Grand Isle School.

There was discussion of wind towers and potential for community acceptance as a part of the working landscape. Diane Gayer described the wind towers she saw on her recent trip to Prince Edwards Island. Ms. Gayer felt the towers were “stunningly beautiful” with white blades and red tips. The wind towers which were 30’ to 50’ high with 8’ wide blades and a 15’ x 20’ hydrogen cell to store power are installed on the open landscape and can be seen against the skyline and tree line. The units were powered down to reduce noise and the rotation of the blades. Fewer birds are killed by the wind tower installations in the area than by cars, stated Ms. Gayer. Jill Michaels mentioned the wind towers she viewed in France which were very large compared to traditional windmills. Ms. Gayer mentioned the possibility of installing wind towers on the roof tops of local businesses to help meet personal and community power needs should be considered.

3. FY07 WORK PROGRAM AND HOURS MATRIX

Peter Gregory reviewed changes to the work program (tasks and staff hours). The mention of Route 100B was removed under Item 2.C (coordination with new byway designation efforts) because the designation has been granted. There was discussion of the Scenery Preservation Council having a display at conferences in the spring in addition to brochures. Diane Gayer will assist in this matter.

MOTION by Lew Sorenson, SECOND by Deb Evans, to approve the FY07 Work Program and Hours matrix with the deletion of Route 100B from Item 2.C.

VOTING: all ayes (John LaBarge is a nonvoting staff member); motion carried.

4. UPDATES

Website & Brochure

John LaBarge reported meeting minutes are posted to the SPC website and the brochure when it is available will also be posted. Tom Kennedy stated new photographs are being taken for the brochure. There was mention of assistance from the Department of Tourism and Marketing, and the effort by the Chief Marketing Officer to homogenize all advertising of the state. Jill Michaels will contact Christine Menke to determine how best the SPC can be highlighted in marketing materials for the state.

FY06 Byway Grant Awards

John LaBarge reported the money for the FY06 grants has not yet been received.

FY07 Byway Grant Process

John LaBarge reported changes to the FY07 grant process are anticipated. Information on this matter from FHWA has not yet been received.

Byway Efforts

Tom Kennedy briefed the SPC on the recent meeting with the Fair Haven selectboard regarding Route 22A being a byway. The selectboard wanted \$50 million in road improvements before accepting the byway designation. There were some positive comments as well. Mr. Kennedy said he suggested the town allow the byway plan to be developed and take public comment on it. At this point no action was taken by the Fair Haven selectboard.

Regarding Route 30, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission would like affirmation from all towns along Route 30. The Manchester area is in support, but Castleton and Hubbardton still are not supportive. John LaBarge suggested moving forward with the byway designation and simply excluding the two dissenting towns.

Regarding the Route 100 designation, Steve Gladzuk continues to work on the matter, stated Mr. Gregory.

5. OTHER ITEMS

Diane Gayer reported Yellowwood & Associates of St. Albans is doing a study of the economic impact of byways. The Connecticut River corridor management plan is the model plan. Ms. Gayer said she will be critiquing some of the material. The SPC suggested representatives from Yellowwood be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on the study.

6. NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: November 20, 2006, 9:30 a.m., Montpelier.

Agenda Items:

- Grand Isle Byway
- Yellowwood & Associates Byways Study

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lew Sorenson, SECOND by Diane Gayer, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by M. Riordan, Recording Secretary.

To Do List from 9/25/06 SPC Meeting:

1. Ms. Wallman will submit letters of support for the Grand Isle byway to John LaBarge.
2. Jill Michaels will contact Christine Menke to determine how best the SPC can be highlighted in marketing materials for the state.
3. The SPC suggested representatives from Yellowwood be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on the study.