

**TRENTON TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT MEETING**  
**Bar Harbor-Hancock County Airport**  
**July 7, 2011**

**Persons Attending:** Charlene Hanscom, Dotty Young, George Hopkins, Alison Navia, Putt Patten, Fred Ehrlenbach, John Bennet, Peter Lazas, Susan Starr, Julee Swanson, Ryan (last name?), and Tom Martin (HCPC)

**Appointment of Chair:** Alison Navia was appointed chair

**Identification of Potential Projects:** The committee reviewed potential projects and ranked them according to their priority. Committee members will do more investigation on these projects before the next meeting. The projects are:

1. Airport-Sea Plane-Boat Ramp: Alison has maps showing a potential pathway that connects the boat ramp to the airport. These graphics could be posted on the web site (<http://www.hpcme.org/trenton/enhance/>). There was some discussion about extending the trail to the Grange. It was also suggested that there be a picnic/playground area near the ramp and that a pier or floating dock be added. There was brief discussion about a dog park. Additional parking was also proposed. George Hopkins expressed concern regarding the continued use of the seaplane ramp for aircraft access and egress. Allison stated that any picnic or other amenities would have to be set back to accommodate aircraft. The area might also be used for an emergency operations center and be a base for life flight helicopters. It could serve as an emergency access area for a MDI evacuation if the Route 3 bridge is blocked.
2. Turnpike Road-Mill Cove Access Point: this site is suitable for kayak and canoe launching. The path from the road to the shore could be improved. It is relatively narrow so any craft launched there would have to be hand carried.
3. Goose Cove-McFarland Brook: this is another potential boat launching site.
4. Village Sidewalk Project: there are various proposals. One would connect the business park with the IGA. Another would connect the church and village area.
5. Bronze Lantern Property Scenic Turnout: this would be a turnout and parking area along Route 3. There was some discussion about the quality of the views due to growth of vegetation.
6. Landscaping and Beautification: this proposal would involve tree planting and other landscaping along Route 3. It could have an historical theme

such as using granite fence posts and colonial style planters. Since this project would require obtaining permission from individual landowners, it was ranked as a low priority.

General discussion followed the ranking. Tom Martin suggested running the initial list by Dan Stewart at MaineDOT before investing too much time in any one venture. Also, mentioned were alternative sources of funding such as Urban Forestry grants and the Small Harbor Improvement Program.

Alison noted that there were some drainage problems adjacent to the airport. A stream had become overgrown with reeds. DEP had some concerns about the airport authorities clearing the stream. There were also questions about clearing the fire pond near the boat ramp. The pond has a significant weed build-up.

**Date of Next Meeting:** July 20, 2011 at the Trenton town office at 4:00 PM