

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Workshop
April 16th, 2018
Milton Town Hall
Scenic By-Way Workshop

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Lucier, Town Administrator; Heather Thibodeau, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

Public Attendance: John Katwick, Susan Brown, Tom McDougall, Lynette McDougall.

R. Thibeault called the workshop to order, allowing J. Katwick to present the presentation.

J. Katwick stated the purpose of the workshop along with others in the near future is to expand the current scenic byway. Currently the byway route is along Route 125 thru town into Milton Mills and into Wakefield. The proposed route is to start at the Route 125 and Route 75 intersection to continue up to Hare Road to Route 153. From Route 75 into Farmington to Bay Road, into New Durham to Old Bay Road. Thru New Durham to Merrimeeting Lake Road on to New Durham Road into Alton. Route 28 South to Wolfeboro to Route 109 along Lake Wentworth into Wakefield back to Route 153. This proposed route would continue as a loop including multiple towns. This is currently a proposal until surrounding town approve and adopt the plan as well. Some locations stated on the scenic byway list will be consolidated as things progress by the committee and different towns, including most recent of today's workshop. A. Lucier questioned if the route was intended to stay on main roads or if there was ability to divert. J. Katwick stated diversion would be key and intended to have multiple locations off the main part of the byway of interest. Nutes Road and Nutes Chapel was used as an example. H. Thibodeau questioned how long the full proposed loop would take to travel. J. Katwick stated the map is to scale on mile per inch. R. Thibeault stated the purpose is to draw attention to local attractions, questioned if it would be to divert travel on major road ways. J. Katwick stated that is not the intention but to draw attraction to locations and significant points.

The following are points of interest currently apart of the scenic byway;

- The Emma Ramsey Center is currently the most southern point on the list, with the new proposal the furthest point would be a private residence. It was suggested to remove as a focal point on the list since there is no significant value other than Town events and meetings.
- Leather Board; employed many townspeople during its operation.
- Nute High School
- Milton 3 Ponds Dam & Park; extensive history
- Wendall Brown, Private Residence; no real significance to keeping on the list
- Town Beach & Playground; current photo used to showcase shows the beach, solar garden and fire station all in one.
- Mi-Te-Jo Campground
- Town House; Town meetings were held at the Town House until 1973
- Town Pound; used to house non-domesticated stray animals, mainly cattle. Not Town property but has permission to help preserve the area.
- Lt. Horn House; 1770, one of the first homes with a multitude of Town history
- Plummors Ridge School House; needs remodeling and upkeep but a major historical value to the Town

- Horn House; originally the blacksmith shop, building has suffered major damage and no longer safe for the public, will be removed from the list.
- McKenzies Farm
- NH Farm Museum & Plummer House
- Plummer's Ridge Trails
- Town Poor Farm; no value of dwelling, will be removed from the list
- Jones Brook Park; currently under conservation easement, condition of park has deteriorated, potential for success and reopening.
- Branch Hill Trails
- Branch School; district school. Building was previously restored though does not keep with the historical factor, will be removed from the list.
- Sonny Jim; little brother of Old Man in the Mountain
- Branch Hill Farm
- Milton Mills Historical Society
- Post Office Square; currently an antique store
- Waumbeck Park
- Milton Mills Free Public Library
- Pleasant Valley Grange; privately owned
- Odd Fellows Hall; privately owned
- Milton Mills Methodist Church; 'right hand to God' known as the most unique steeple in the area.

J. Katwick stated in closing the next step of the process would be the expansion of including other towns and that the information decided on will be shared at the next committee meeting.

R. Thibeault motioned to adjourn the workshop. A. Lucier seconded. 3-0

Respectfully submitted;
Recording Clerk,
Danielle Marique

Chairman Ryan Thibeault

Erin Hutchings

Andy Lucier