

Wiscasset Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

07-11-02

Acceptance of minutes from 8 July 2002 meeting, Not available at the time of this meeting, to be ready for the upcoming Monday the 15th Meeting.

Chairman's Update,

- Paul quickly addressed several issues that he wanted to make sure that the Committee stuck together, he wants to make sure that we don't develop splinter groups that go off in their own direction and not that of the entire committee.
- Paul expressed concern that a Petition that had been circulated around the Town had certain inaccuracies within its text that more than likely dismiss the findings for arguments sake.
- There was also discussion on the vacant Committee position and the application deadline.
- Paul discussed with the group that we need to communicate with more of the agency's that play a part in the final analysis of the bypass. Right now were dealing primarily with MDOT and John Melrose. There are a number of other players that have votes and we need to be contacting them and enlightening them on Wiscasset's perspective via our Town Manager.

Recap of Tuesday's Interagency Meeting.

- Members that attended the agency meeting along with some input from James Hammond.
- Several members expressed concern with certain issues. N6 was officially removed from the Table of Discussion, however N8D is still under

consideration. Both N8C and N2 in all its variations are also still under consideration.

- In the discussion there was still concern with individual members of the committee that N8C could very well result in N8D.
- The Commissioner apparently still favors N8D due to the fact that it is approximately twenty million dollars less to build. But it was also pointed out that MDOT may not have rolled into this figure the cost of upkeep on the present Davies's Bridge.
- There is also a lot of concern that the Criteria on the most recent evaluation matrix appears to have some possible inaccuracies listed on it. The Committee will try to correct the matrix so we can properly evaluate each route.
- There seemed to be some disappointment with certain committee members with regards to Earl Shuttleworths low key approach to advocating the Historic District.

Recommendation to the Board of Selectman on a Planning Consultant.

- The Committee has not yet voted on a motion, but it is likely that we will be moving forward with this in the very near future.
- Some Committee members think that we need to wait till the field of consideration is narrowed.
- Other Committee members think that we should really be moving on this here and now.
- NOTE, Paul has received a packed of information from a satellite firm located in Damariscotta and based out of Conn. This design firm has the capacity to both design and graphically depict what the proposed bypass would look like.

Sub-Committees Direction,

- The Northern Bypass Subcommittee will be Scheduling their second meeting in the near future.

- The Non-Build Solutions Subcommittee along with the entire Transportation Committee will meet with Kathy Fuller of MDOT Thursday July 18th at Seven PM at end former Senior Center in the CEI complex. There was preliminary discussion on how to approach this study. Specifically one Committee member discussed Access Management and shared there worries that Access Management might receive criticism from Merchants on Route one.

Adjournment.