

Transportation Committee Meeting
October 20, 2003
Amended Minutes () = the changes

Attending: Don Jones, Lois Kwantz & Marguerite Rafter

Chairman, Done Jones called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Lois Kwantz, secretary, requested that Don send **(to her)** Seaver Leslie's email address. We then reviewed the minutes of the September 22nd meeting. Marguerite made a correction to page 1, paragraph 5, to reflect that she had learned at the most recent comprehensive planning committee meeting that "Wiscasset has designated archaeological/historical sites that she was unaware of previously". Don also suggested an added clarification on page 2, paragraph 3 re: the Kornacki request about the Bradford Rd./Rte 1 intersection. The following sentence was added: "The TC felt that two processes were already in motion that should result in improvement to the Bradford Rd./Rte 1 intersection: 1) construction of a by-pass, and 2) MDOT is embarking on a new corridor planning program called Gateway 1." After making these two changes, in addition to moving the sentence re: our next meeting date and time to the last paragraph, the committee voted, 3-0, to adopt the minutes as amended. Don will forward them to the town office.

Further discussion re: Steve Kornacki's request for the TC to recommend a solution to the Bradford Rd./Rte 1 intersection ended in the TC agreeing that we are not prepared to request MDOT to deal with that intersection separately, but rather as a part of Gateway 1. Don had received a letter from Chief Emmons stating that he would like the TC to take the lead in achieving a solution and that Steve K. is still urging some kind of action. After some discussion about what we could do, Marguerite made the motion that the committee recommend to Chief Emmons that he seek a reduction of the speed limit from 35 to 25 mph **(starting by the police station)** to some point south of the Bradford Rd. intersection. **(Lois seconded it.)** The vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Don gave us a Gateway 1 update. He passed out copies of the Gateway 1 pamphlet handed out by Kathy Fuller to the selectmen in June, 2003 and referred us to the back of the flyer regarding the formation of local committees. He also reported that the state has hired HNTB, a consulting firm from PA to aid with the Gateway 1 project. This is the same firm that is working on the Bath viaduct project. After discussion about the size of our committee and the make-up of the local committees recommended by MDOT for the Gateway 1 project, Don made the following motion: The Transportation Committee requests that the Board of Selectmen increase our membership from the current 5 members to between 7-9 members. The TC also recommends that the expanded TC be designated to function as the town's Gateway 1 committee. Lois seconded the motion; it passed 3-0.

Don gave us an update on the Ad Hoc Route status. There have been several meetings involving Larry Cilley, Andrew Gilmore, Mike Blagdon, Chris Hall and Peter Rines with MDOT. MDOT has said that it will consider the newest route suggestions but there has been no official response from MDOT yet. While a very similar route was included in a preliminary matrix during the MDOT presentations about the various by-pass routes, Mike Blagdon has questions about the validity of some of the information about this route as it appeared on the matrix.

In an update re: the comprehensive plan committee meetings, we were told that the group is looking to hold a public input/education meeting asking the question of residents, "where do you want what in Wiscasset?" Time and place has not yet been decided upon.

In other business, Lois announced that she is a member of the advisory committee for the intown railroad station committee. Don presented an overview of what happened most recently at the Bath viaduct meeting, pointing out particularly how impressed he was at how the group worked together even though there were many varying views on how best to fix or replace the aging Leeman Highway overpass.

The committee agreed to meet again on November 17, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the same space. We adjourned at 8:35 PM with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Lois Kwantz, Secretary