

**Transportation Committee Meeting
November 17, 2003**

Attending: Don Jones, Lois Kwantz & Marguerite Rafter

Chairman Don Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After a review of the October 20th minutes and several minor amendments, the minutes were accepted as amended. (Marguerite moved; Don seconded; unanimously passed.)

Don reported that there is still no word from MDOT regarding the selectmen supported by-pass route north of the high school. A letter is supposed to be coming from the commissioner. There is also still no word from anyone regarding the Gateway 1 project.

We discussed various places along Route 1 that create trouble spots with entering and exiting, specifically Flood Ave., Birch Point Rd, and possible entrances and exits for the new shopping center. There was discussion about sending a letter to the Planning Board reminding them about the state's specific guidelines concerning access management on Route 1. Don suggested simply "keeping an eye" out for planning board meetings to see if any developments appear for review. Don agreed to speak with Grace Valentine and Bob Faunce about the TC's concerns regarding access management issues. Don also said that he would try to get a copy of the state's access management laws.

Under new business:

A. Don reported that Larry Cilley had sent him a registration form for an annual transportation conference. Don is willing to go if the town will pay the registration fee.

B. At the last selectmen's meeting, they asked for the TC to discuss and make a recommendation about a possible interchange on Rte 218 on/off of the proposed by-pass.

The committee spent some time discussing the pros and cons of an interchange on Rte. 218 as well as southbound access onto the by-pass off of Rte 27. We all agreed that a southbound access road off of Rte 27 is an absolute necessity but decided to hold off making a recommendation about a Rte 218 interchange until the next meeting when we have a larger attendance of members.

We set December 15, 2003 at 7:00 PM for our next meeting, to be held in the Lincoln County Economic Development Office as usual. We adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois Kwantz, Secretary