

Wiscasset Transportation Committee Meeting
7/29/02

Present: Paul Mrozinski, Don Jones, Sean Rafter, Marguerite Rafter, Seaver Leslie, Allan Kaufman.

Absent: Mike Blagdon, Steve Jarrett

The first order of business was to appoint a recording secretary. Mike Blagdon's election as second selectman does not leave him the time to do this work. Sean Rafter was chosen.

The chairman updated the committee about his conversations with Kirk Mahoney of the Maine Historic Commission, and his lack of awareness of the detrimental impacts of the proposed N8d route on the historic district, purportedly because of lack of information from MDOT on the proposed route. Paul encourages contact with Earle Shuttleworth, Commissioner of Historic Preservation, prior to the Aug. 13 interagency meeting.

Dave Kinney, Town Manager, has sent a letter to MDOT to express the opinions of the transportation committee, and Wiscasset Board of Selectmen's opinions.

Paul distributed a letter from John Melrose, stating that MDOT was not favorably disposed to a more northerly route.

Sub-committee reports:

Non-build alternatives: The committee has met once, and will meet again on Wed, 7/31 to develop recommendations. They will report in future.

Northern Route Committee: Jim Hammond and Don Jones presented the proposed route, and explained in detail its derivation and considerations. Extensive discussion followed.

Sean Rafter moved, Alan Kaufman seconded a motion: The transportation committee adopt the presented route as our preferred route for a Wiscasset Bypass. Motion carried 4/2.

Paul will present the route and our vote results to the Select Board tomorrow. Sean will make a presentation of the route. Jim Hammond will have the map duplicated.

If the selectmen accept and support the route, we will attempt to have a public hearing on Mon, 8/5 at 7:00 pm to solicit public comment, and then take the proposed route to MDOT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

