

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2004**

Attending: Don Jones, Lois Kwantz, Marguerite Rafter, Sean Rafter

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The first business was to review the minutes from the previous meeting; the committee voted, 4-0, to accept the minutes as written.

Don reminded us about the meeting/workshop with the board of selectmen, scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th at 6:00 PM. All members intend to be present. The agenda for this meeting will include:

1. what response, if any, should be made to MDOT's letter re: their dismissal of the town's most recently proposed bypass option;
2. interchange suggestions/recommendations for Rtes. 27 & 218;
3. the possibility of a traffic light at the US1/Rte. 27 intersection.

We have no sense of whether members of the public will be there and/or if they will be allowed to speak.

The WTC discussed our thoughts about a response to MDOT's letter. As a whole, we felt that another town referendum about bypass issues is probably pointless since, at this point, it is impossible to separate the question of whether or not we want or need a bypass from the proposed routes left on the table. Don also commented that he questioned the accuracy of the data used to analyze the varying amounts of traffic diversion for each of the routes, particularly for the town's proposed, more northerly route above the high school. Where/how did MDOT arrive at their figures? Regarding interchanges, the committee agreed that we have already proposed what we believe will be most effective, that is, full movement in all directions at both Rtes. 27 and 218. There was no consensus within the committee regarding the issue of a traffic light at US1/Rte. 27. Sean believed that there was no real need; Marguerite felt that maybe it might help; Lois stated that she felt that the biggest problem at that intersection was the left hand turn lane on US1 which blocks Rte. 27 traffic that wants to turn to go north on US1; Don was in favor of a light. We agreed that we will discuss this further with the selectmen on January 26.

We once again addressed the issue of access management and the Gateway One project and how that might affect the Rte. 1 corridor south of town which is currently in great flux with new development. The sites that are most imminent are access to the new Lincoln County jail site, the mini-mall development at the corner of US1/Old Bath Rd. South, Shaw's supermarket (at the old Ames site), and the expansion of Ames Supply. We agreed that it was too early to make any concrete decisions/suggestions about these sites, but that we should remain vigilant as plans progress to ensure that the state guidelines concerning access management are followed.

After agreeing to meet on February 16, 2004, we voted, 4-0, to adjourn at 8:14 PM.

Submitted by:
Lois Kwantz, Secretary