

**Transportation Committee Meeting  
July 11, 2005**

**Present:** Don Jones, Lois Kwantz, Sean Rafter

**Absent:** Seaver Leslie, Marguerite Rafter

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the reading of the May 2nd minutes. The vote was unanimous to accept as read. For the June 6th meeting, it was moved and seconded to accept them as read but with a correction to the last paragraph stating "that since the first Monday is July 4th, then the next transportation committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 11th", thereby eliminating the phrase, "the secretary assumes that the next meeting..." and the sentence that "the committee knows that it will hear from the chairman when the date has been set."

We discussed the continuing process of the bypass study, which has been ongoing for 6 years (from December 1999). There has been a recent follow-up on traffic counts in Wiscasset on Rte. 218, and down on Fore St and Bradford Rd. We discussed a recent letter sent to Mike Blagdon from David Cole, commissioner for MDOT, updating the town on progress. The routes under consideration remain the same but we did question the statement on page 2 in paragraph 3 that indicated these routes would "result in the best long-range plan for Wiscasset and Edgecomb." We wonder how the plan is long range given the intent of Wiscasset to develop the Route 1S corridor with businesses.

Don reported that there is no additional news re: the Bath Rd. Study. We expressed concern that our board of selectmen has not responded to our recommendations concerning the creation of a response panel for the town for Gateway 1 or to our concerns about redoing the crosswalks in a clearer manner. The crosswalk painting is not completed yet and Don has spoken with Roy Barnes so he is aware of our suggestions. Sean expressed hope that things are finally settling down after the transition in the board of selectmen, so perhaps now some of the advisory comments from our committee will begin to be considered.

We noted with interest that "Tuesdays by the Bay" have begun. There are banners and flyers and music and craft booths that perhaps will draw visitors to our town to help support the business community. The railroad is running 4 trips or so each day with a tourist season schedule.

Don reported that a reporter from the Ellsworth paper had called him looking for our "take" on the bypass issue. They are in the midst of discussions and proposed changes up that way as well.

Since there was no new business, we voted to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 1st.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Kwantz