

Wiscasset Transportation Committee
April 4, 2011

Present: Don Jones, Cindy Fischer, Lois Kwantz;

Absent: Seaver Leslie, Sean Rafter

We opened the meeting at 7:05 and spent time reviewing and adopting old minutes from 2010. The delay in adopting these minutes from 2010 was due to a combination of not meeting every month as well as absences on the part of Lois Kwantz, our secretary, at scheduled meetings due to family responsibilities.

Re: the June 7, 2010 minutes, it was noted that the ACOE is correct and that USACOE (United States Army Corps of Engineers) is not necessary. We did, however, correct FHA to FHWA so that it stands for Federal Highway (HW) Administration. The minutes were adopted, 3-0, as amended. The July 5, 2010 minutes were accepted as presented by a vote of 3-0. The September 13, 2010 minutes were corrected to change FHA to FHWA, to use ACOE rather than USACOE and to adjust line 15 under the **ROAD's Presentation** paragraph to read **Per objectives of the Conservation Law Foundation, ROAD's** goal is... The minutes were adopted with these changes by a vote of 2-0-1, Lois Kwantz abstaining since she was not present at the September 13 meeting. Don Jones then presented the January 3, 2011 minutes that he had prepared. These passed, as read, by a vote of 2-0-1 (abstention due to absence),

There was further discussion of the ROAD's proposal that had been presented on September 13, 2010. A letter has been sent to let them know that the WTC has adopted some of the suggestions, particularly for the use of traffic officers downtown. As it stands now, MDOT is offering to pay half of the cost of these officers for the months of July and August. MDOT will be doing an assessment of their effectiveness in moving traffic through Wiscasset.

The town of Edgecomb has taken a stand re: the bypass – go with N8c OR don't build AT ALL! They have formed their own "intown task force" to put pressure on MDOT. Don commented that it is confusing for them to call it a "task force" since there already is a regional bypass task force. David Bernhardt is the new commissioner of MDOT. MDOT intends to make a decision soon about whether to cancel the whole idea of a bypass or to go forward by deciding on a different route, be it a variation of N8c or one of the other routes that were still on the table.

Since we have a reprieve, of sorts, re: the route of the bypass, it was suggested that perhaps we should work with Jeff Hinderliter on a new plan for business development and access on Route 1 south of town. There being no other business, we adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Kwantz, Secretary