

**Wiscasset Transportation Committee**  
**5 March 2007**

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

**Absent:** Seaver Leslie

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. The committee reviewed the minutes from the 02/05/07 meeting with the following corrections/suggestions. Under Gateway 1, bullet 3, line 3, correct the misspelling of "development". Also under bullet 3, eliminate the first sentence and replace with "A series of unrelated events gut the midcoast economy." The minutes were then unanimously accepted with the corrections in place.

**Gateway 1:** Don announced the following upcoming meetings. The Region 2 TRPs (town response panels) will meet on March 27, 2007 at the Nobleboro Town Office on Route 1 beginning at 6:30 PM. We will meet to discuss the proposed scenarios that have been prepared by the steering committee for Gateway 1. Sean offered to film the meeting if he is able to borrow a camera from LCTV in order to make a record of the meeting available to the various towns' boards. On Wednesday, March 28 the steering committee will meet, hoping to "sign off" on the scenarios that have been proposed. The three proposed scenarios have been titled Full Wind, Riding the Current and Perfect Storm. None of the scenarios have been deemed either all good or all bad. They are merely an effort to project the various possibilities for the midcoast in order to make proposals for improvements to the highway, Route 1, in order for it to better serve our needs.

**The Midcoast Bypass:** This is how the Wiscasset bypass is now being referred to. Task force members have received a rather detailed document from MDOT with preliminary drawings of the proposed bypass routes. This data is an appendix to the draft EIS and includes detailed engineering designs for the 5 bypass routes with ramps, elevations, property lines, etc. There is a meeting scheduled for sometime in mid-March to review these preliminary drawings. All of the routes start off the same (at NAPA auto) and change only after they cross under the Gardiner Road (Route 27). See attached document for specific details. In addition to Don Jones, selectmen David Nichols and Bill Barnes are also members of the task force.

There was no further business, other than a suggestion that our new town manager, Art Faucher, be asked to attend one of our meetings in the not too distant future and a reminder about the multiple meetings coming up. We set a tentative meeting date for April 2, 2007 with our chairman, Don Jones, to make the final decision. We adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lois Kwantz, Secretary