

**Wiscasset Transportation Committee  
November 5, 2007**

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

**Absent:** Seaver Leslie, Sean Rafter

**Guest:** Arthur Faucher, Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. We reviewed the minutes from May 7, 2007 and from September 10, 2007. They were approved as amended and the secretary will forward the corrected minutes to the chair.

Art Faucher presented an updated report on items relating to transportation issues.

**Road Projects:** The paving job on Route 1 is completed. Edward Kavanaugh (owner of the octagon house on Federal St.) has completed his report along with photos re: the impact of poor storm drainage on the properties along Federal St. He has offered to be chair for the Federal St. project. Art reported on the downtown project. He would like to coordinate our piece of the project - new sewer and water lines, sidewalks and lighting - with the state's infrastructure plans - storm drains and repaving. Art intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant monies in 2009 for our part of the projects, hopefully to be done in 2010. Art stated that the storm drain work on Federal St. is the town's responsibility. Our intent is to coordinate that project with whenever the state repaves Federal St. A hot topping project on Route 27 from the Route 1 intersection to the Dresden town line is still on the schedule for MDOT. Art hopes that they will hold off on doing it until warmer weather.

**Waterfront Rehab:** The town has submitted an application for a Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grant of \$150K which requires 25% matching funds from the community. The budget committee and selectmen have agreed to the total project cost of \$287,700 for water front improvements.

**Maine Eastern Railroad:** Two reps from the railroad came to meet with Don and Art. They were receptive to the idea of moving the platform onto Railroad Ave. and are willing to ask supervisors for permission to do this work.

**Bypass:** The committee briefly touched on this issue, wondering if the communities REALLY have an influence over the choice of route. Don felt that N2f1 was a significant route still in the "running".

**Gateway 1:** Don gave copies of Evan Richert's "analysis" of the region affected by Gateway 1. The committee felt that it needed time to review the new publication before discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. Don will notify us whether we will meet in December.

Respectfully submitted by Lois Kwantz, Secretary