

**DRAFT ONLY – NOT APPROVED OR FINAL**  
**Rte. 1 North Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Notes – Committee follow up meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**  
**Washington Street Conference Room – Camden, Maine**

**WHO:**

*Members Present:* Richard Bernhard, Nancy Caudle-Johnson, Bob Falciani, Tony Grassi, Jane LaFleur, Sasha Laurita, Geoff Scott, Jenny Simon

*Members excused:* n/a

*Select Board Liaisons:* Don White

*Select Board Liaisons excused:* Leonard Lookner

*Staff:* Pat Finnegan

*Guests/Others:* public, Rt. One abutters

**MEETING PURPOSE:** Committee remains at table following departure of Landry to discuss further business.

**KEY THINGS DISCUSSED**

No environmental reports yet. Standard procedure for MDOT is to conduct one after the plan is designed. Wiscasset project is on hold while they complete an environmental and historical study, triggered by its historic properties.

Two types of environmental studies: DEIS (most complex, lengthy, includes both environmental and historical aspects) and Environmental Assessment. Federal regulations require, at a minimum, an Environmental Assessment.

Newspaper recently misreported that MDOT would take trees into consideration and compensate owners for them. This is not the case. The MDOT will not compensate property owners for their trees or other vegetation. The MDOT will also not plant trees.

In 2006 residents successfully pushed back and got the Town and MDOT to sign a memorandum of understanding that listed the trees taken and those that MDOT would replace with other plantings.

Public attending said that in early 2002 or 2003 the speed limit near the park was lower than the current 50mph. When did it increase and why?

Public again raised concerns that this is a lousy project, just money looking for a project and that MDOT will design it to their benefit, not ours. MDOT recently responded to an abutter that they are not interested in any further changes to the revised plan.

Future business: Committee needs to go line by line and figure out where concessions could be had and where we have strength. Committee should consider the option of recommending the town hire a planner to be an advocate. Do we need to consider hiring any other expertise? Possible historic procedures. What is the process and how do you do historic property research? Individual properties would be up to the homeowner to start the process.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:** Motion by Jane LaFleur that this committee recommends to the Town of Camden Select Board that a speed study of the proposed design area by MDOT be requested, **provided the MDOT agree in writing to uphold Steve Landry's stated commitment**

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**that the speed limit will not exceed 50 mph regardless of the study's findings.** Motion seconded by Tony Grassi. Nancy Caudle-Johnson and Jenny Simon oppose. All other committee members approve. Motion carries.

**DECISIONS MADE:**

To recommend to the select board that the Town of Camden request a speed study from MDOT with written commitment that MDOT will not raise the speed above 50 mph.

Next meeting set for **August 22, 2016 at 12:00 pm** in the Washington Street Conference Room, Camden, Maine.

*Committee Purpose:*

*A committee set up for the purpose of working with the Maine DOT to insure that any reconstruction of Route 1 in the Town of Camden be designed and built to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the Town and the special scenic character of the road and to minimize the environmental impact on the neighboring properties while improving the safety and maintenance of the highway, keeping in mind safe vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access.*