

Public Hearing Highlights
Traffic Enhancement Projects
April 19, 2012 – Trenton School

Attendees: Allison Rogers, Frederick Ehrlenbach, Carlene Hanscom, Putt Patten, Peter Lazas, George Hopkins, Dotty Young, Ryan Swanson, Rachel Hyland, Michael Hodgkins, James Cameron, Susan Starr, Michele Lafond, Jean and Arthur LaBelle, Bruce and Debra Staples, Bonnie and Dennis Damon, Stephanie Clement, Leroy Muise, Dan Stewart (MaineDOT), Jeff Tweedie (MaineDOT)

Allison Rogers opened up the hearing with a brief introduction of how the committee was formed and the origination of the 1 million MDOT funds.

- Introduction to the Sea Plane Ramp project
- Introduction to the Sidewalk project
- No Local money needs to be raised
- Projects need to fit the criteria outlined by the MDOT

Comments from the public regarding the sidewalk project is that there is not enough foot traffic on Rte. 3 to justify the sidewalks, will create more littering on the road, the town will need to maintain the project after the installation, and they will also be losing a portion of their front lawn.

Others expressed the sidewalks could potentially decrease the speed of motor vehicles with a more “village” like feel, pedestrians will feel safer on a sidewalk, and create more foot traffic for local businesses.

The Traffic Enhancement committee explained that there are only so many projects that could have worked within the guidelines. *If the Town does not approve this project the committee will need to go back to the drawing board to find another project that will fit the MDOT’s criteria could potentially take another year to come up with a project.*

Revision recommended by MaineDOT: *A more correct statement would say something to the effect:*

If the Town does not approve this project, it is unlikely another project will meet eligibility, transportation, and/or timing requirements and the town is in jeopardy of losing the funding for the project.

This will be brought to the public for the ultimate vote on May 19th at the Annual Town Meeting in the form of 2 separate warrant articles.