

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes
Monday, August 6, 2001

Present: Chairman Don Jones, David Brown, Joe Piccirillo, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: Ken Cooper and Secretary Phil DiVece.

Guests: Jennifer Carleton, Leonard Ellis, Mel Applebee, and Ross Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm in the hearing room. A quorum was present. The minutes of July 16 were adopted without change. Four members of the Committee on Fees joined us at the table. Harbormaster Bill Sutter gave a brief report. He announced that 11 notices of violation and one summons had been issued for placing pot buoys in the mooring area.

Old Business. The procedure for removing abandoned lobster traps from Memorial pier appears to be working smoothly. Deb Pendleton has announced her intention to move her Creamery Pier business into her home. Joe Piccirillo reported that she had told the selectmen that her building would be shortly removed from the pier. Sutter pointed out that the removal of Pendleton's building made one additional vendor slot available on the Creamery Pier. The chairman reported that the selectmen on the recommendation of the Waterfront Committee had authorized a vendor permit to Bob Rogers the owner of Trading Post Canoe and Kayak Sales. A public meeting to discuss the future uses of the Waterfront is still planned for August or September.

New Business. The members of the Waterfront Committee and the Committee on Fees proceeded to discuss the list of waterfront fees proposed by the Fees Committee. It was decided to vote on fee issues as if the two committees were one.

It was agreed to amend the \$5 launch fee to include an alternative \$50 annual fee. The \$250 per year commercial haulers fee was amended to include an alternative \$50 per launch fee. Separate annual launch fees for resident and non-resident fisherman were deleted in favor of the \$50 annual launch fee mentioned above. No launch fee at the Ferry Landing was retained. No fee for carry-in and carry-out launch and retrieval was added.

It was agreed not to recommendation rental fees for town moorings, fees for electrical service on the docks, and dockage tie-up fees. It was agreed that current ordinance provisions for overnight dockage and tender tie-ups were sufficient.

No change was made to the pump-out service fees, and the \$25 per season bail-out fee was tabled pending further review by the Fees Committee.

Fees Committee Chairman Jennifer Carleton then requested Waterfront Committee support for letting the Fees Committee prepare a grant request for

reimbursement of installation and operating expenses for the marine sewage pump-out facility. Dave Brown motioned that **"the Waterfront Committee recommend to the selectmen that the Fees Committee be authorized to prepare grant request under the Boat Pump-out Grant Program."** The vote was two in favor, one opposed. Jones opposed saying he preferred to leave the selection of a grant writer to the discretion of the selectmen.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9pm. **The next meeting will be on Monday August 20 in the hearing room.**