

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2002

Present: Chairman Don Jones, Secretary Phil DiVece, David Brown, Greg Hammond, Joe Piccirillo, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: None

Guests: Judy Foss of Stafford Business Advisors.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the municipal building hearing room. Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 4 were reviewed and accepted as written.

The committee discussed both the 2002 BIG and SHIP Grant proposals. The committee recommended the town seek \$73,000 in BIG funds for major maintenance items at the Waterfront Park. These include:

- \$36,000 for replacement of 36 fender pilings on the main pier.
- \$25,000 to install a safety railing at the pedestrian pier and boardwalk.
- \$6,000 for purchasing an aluminum gangway.
- \$2,000 for re-roofing the public bathroom.
- \$2,000 to replace missing or broken pier stringers and braces.
- \$1,000 to upgrade the lighting and electrical services.
- \$1,000 to repaint the flagpole.

The town will seek \$220,058 in SHIP funds for the construction of a new public boat launch at the Waterfront Park. This project includes the construction of a \$128,150 granite bulkhead/seawall on the western side of the present launch ramp abutting the Wiscasset Yacht Club property. Other monies are sought for new floats, piles, steps and engineering.

April 1 is application deadline for both grants, which are administered through the Maine Dept. of Transportation. Both grants require a 25 percent match from the Town of Wiscasset. They will be presented by the chairman to the board of selectmen for their consideration on March 26. Judy Foss will assist in the writing of the grant requests. The grants will be presented to the Waterfront Master Plan Committee on March 21.

In other business, the committee discussed that White's Island was for sale; listed at \$85,000 by Roy Farmer & Associates Real Estate of Wiscasset. It was agreed to also discuss this item at the Waterfront Master Plan Committee meeting.

The board tabled discussion on a request by Bob Stanley of Tideway Treks to lease space on the Creamery Pier this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. **The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on April 1, 2002 in the firehouse.**