

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes
Monday August 5, 2002

Present: Chairman Don Jones, Joe Piccirillo, Stuart Wyman, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: Tony Colby and Greg Hammond.

Guests: Bob Stanley

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the firehouse. There was a quorum. The minutes of July 15 were approved without change.

The harbormaster reported that Bryan Buck had been awarded the contract to build the mast and boom for the Main Pier, and that the town manager had requested that it be installed by August 22. He also reported that Greg Curtis would be providing additional electrical service on the Main Pier to serve both the mast and boom and the sewage pumpout unit.

Bob Stanley of Tideway Treks explained his Creamery Pier vendor application. The committee reviewed all the Creamery Pier policies with him, and he agreed to comply with them. He asked if he could be granted a three-foot building height variance to allow him to display a model solar collector water heating system that will be available to his clients at some camping locations.

Joe asked Mr. Stanley about several arrests which were shown on a Wiscasset police report. Mr. Stanley explained that the arrests by Damariscotta police were unfair violations of his civil rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that he was pursuing a lawsuit on the matter.

Stuart made a motion, which Don seconded, that **the committee recommends that the selectmen approve Tideway Trek's application with a height variance to 13 feet to allow the demonstration of a solar powered water heating system.** The motion passed (2,1) with Joe opposing. Mr. Stanley was told that he would have to discuss any possible fee reduction due to a late season start with the selectmen. The harbormaster reminded him that he and his clients were welcome to use the town docking facilities on the same basis and the same rules (Article IV, sec 5) as anyone else. Bill further asked that he and his clients not leave their vehicles at the Waterfront Park.

The committee reviewed the memo from the town manager about possibly posting a sign at the Waterfront Park about the leash law. The committee unanimously felt that there was no more problem at the waterfront than anywhere else in town, and that another sign was not needed.

The committee discussed with the harbormaster the survey form from MMA seeking information and the town's position on licensing aquaculture leases. The members agreed that the town should actively regulate such leases

by adopting its own ordinance rather than leaving regulation to the state. The committee completed the survey form and asked the chairman to deliver it to the town manager.

Joe had brought up at the previous meeting a possible problem with kayak excursion companies renting boats from town facilities. After discussion the committee felt that such kayak businesses were apparently using town facilities in accordance with our rules, but agreed to stay vigilant for possible problems.

Don relayed a request from the town manger for input on the best time to conduct the fender piling replacement. The harbormaster said that sooner would be better, because in November and December the fishermen would be removing their traps for the season. The committee agreed to recommend that work should be done before November if possible, but in any case not to start work before 8am each day and to clear the docks at the end of each workday.

Don announced his resignation from the committee effective August 6 in order to be available to serve on another town committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. **The next meeting will be in the firehouse on Monday August 19 at 7pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Don Jones, Chairman