Wiscasset Waterfront Committee

April 25, 2023

Those present were: Susan, Frank, Dick, Ron, Larry, Callie, Dennis, Terry H., Don Davis, Dave Stapp

Susan called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

April 11, 2023 minutes were reviewed

Dick made the motion to approve the April 11,2023 minutes as written with the change of adding Ron to those present. Seconded by Frank. 4-0 approved

Discussion of new Pier Vender Applications: Optimiz ATM will be charged updated fee of $5 per square foot, approximately 3x3 for 9 square feet plus $75 electrical deposit.

Dick made the motion to approve the Optimiz ATM application pending yes vote from David, Susan seconded. 3-0-2 Frank and Ron abstained from vote.

Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce no application this year, building is for sale $7,000. Dennis will contact Pat of the Chamber to discuss the plans. A discussion was held on the possibility of subletting. No action taken pending further information.

The Harbormaster reported the following:

58 Moorings are registered for the 2023 season, 13 have not yet been renewed. $1,300 in revenue for April.

Ghost moorings will be identified this season, were advised removing blocks from mooring field will not be cost effective.

Water meters were installed as requested and the bathrooms at the Waterfront are open.

Boat launch fees approved in process of creating a permit and sticker system as well as posting signs and getting the word out of the upcoming fees.

Mast and Boom is now locked, must register and pay to get a key.

Update from Dennis on Boat Launch: has applied for grant to cover costs, awaiting pre-inspection before proceeding.

The sailboat “Time Being” that is now town owned is for sale on Craigslist, Facebook and with a for sale sign, no interest yet.

Pump out station updated: awaiting to hear from electrician, pipe is clogged plans are in place to dig up the pipes and fix it.

Don Davis discussed work done on volunteer plans for the summer. Several interested parties of retired people who would be available on a rotating schedule of 8 hours a day, 7 days a week. Volunteers would man the pump out station and greet boaters. Possibility of high school students as well. Additionally has been in contact with the Chamber to discuss putting together “goodie bags” for incoming boaters with map of the area and possible businesses participating with discounts or small tokens from business.

Susan made a motion to approve presenting to the Selectboard the Waterfront Volunteer plan with Don. 4-0

Dick updated the Committee on the Virginia, slated to leave by the end of May even if repairs are not complete in Bath. Need to get an estimate on the electric bill to them, removal of porta potty with bathrooms open.

David Stapp provided an update on the working group. In the process of some presentations, have discussed updated study and a master plan study.

Seawall updated: RFP out for an engineering study with a due date of June 2.

Adjourned at 5:43pm