

WISCASSET WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
February 14th, 2013 minutes

Present: Susan Robson, John Pringle, Rick Scanlan, and Margo Strong

Meeting called to order

We approved the application for The Made in Maine craft shack on the Creamery Pier for the 2013 season. Pamela Shockley was present. She has kindly agreed to be a contact for other applicants if they have any questions about traffic flow on the piers or any other questions they may have.

Approved the minutes from our Jan. meeting and they will now be submitted to Lisa Garman.

We reviewed the Pier policy and updated some wording and will submit this and the updated Vendor Permit application to the Town Manager, Laurie. The changes we made are to reflect a need to conform to all State and Town ordinances and regulations and to provide copies of necessary licensure.

There was a discussion of ability of the piers to support numerous restaurant type business due to lack of running water and sewage. It was decided that this issue could be decided on a individual application basis.

We are all in agreement that a walkway between the two piers is a definite priority. We discussed several options. We could build a boardwalk, use stone fill along the shore to allow a graveled walkway or maybe use the old narrow gauge railway pilings as the base for a walkway. We think there is a 12 ft from center right of way for the railroad. The selectman are looking for grant money that would allow this project to move forward. Jack will touch base with Laurie regarding this and get back to us at March meeting.

Frank was going to talk to a local business about the possibility of having a kayak business on the Rec pier. We feel it would be necessary to have surveillance cameras at the pier to protect any business' property overnight. We will discuss with the Wiscasset Yacht Club as they have thoughts of doing something like this and we may do better by doing it together.

We feel that a map of the town and business would help interest people who have come to the waterfront by train or boat to walk up and look around. We are hoping this is something we can work on with the Chamber of Commerce. We think putting it in a Plexiglas case that can be removed for the off season and would protect it from the weather could be hung on the building there. Susan will talk to the Chamber. Rick will scan out the best placement for a map.

We would like to encourage people on the trains to get off in Wiscasset and shop for a while and then get back on the next train to continue their trip or return home. We will need to contact the railroad and see if that is an option and if we could encourage that. Margo will contact the railroad about this possibility.

The Walking tours will have Boards posted with old pictures and historical facts for the summer season. Another idea to put out to passengers of the train.

WE have decided that all rules for the Creamery Pier will apply to the Rec Pier as well.

Reviewed the Harbormaster's report. Dan will send a memo to the selectman stating we are in favor of allowing fishing in the mooring bed again this year. It went very well last year.

We would like to think about options for mooring ordinances and Jack will get some feedback from the Wiscasset Yacht Club about this as well. IS there a better way to charge for mooring rights and maintenance. We would like to have the harbor be very "user friendly" We will invite Barry Todd to the next meeting.

We need to add a short summary of our past year to the town report.

Meeting adjourned at 2000.