

Wisacasset Waterfront Comitte.

Meeting minutes

03-05-2013

Present :Susan Robson; Jack Pringle: Dan Bradford: Rick Scanlan; Margo Strong.

The meeting was brought to order. Dan Bradford, harbormaster, reviewed the new Article IV section 4.4 revision, which would allow fishing in the mooring field . This will be submitted to the selectman and then to the voters. This was voted on and approved by all.

We discussed the need for a pump out station. Dan thought there was a holding tank built into a float and the pumping equipment that we can use. We are hopeful that at this time we would be able to connect to the town sewer system at the pumping station there at the waterfront. If not we would need to look into a contract with a company to empty the holding tanks. Dan thought there might be a grant through DEP that would help cover the cost. He has offered to look into this for us and we accepted gratefully.

Dan has reviewed the budget and feels it is okay at first glance. He will let us know if he finds issues with a more in depth review.

We would like to continue working on a ladder and life rings for the waterfront for safety of all.

Frank Sprague submitted his application to continue his business on the Main St pier this year. We approved it pending proper licensing and codes with a vote of all in favor.

Rick Scanlan submitted an application for a new business on the Main St pier. This would serve savory and sweet crepes. Also coffee and maybe soda or teas. We approved it pending proper licensing and codes with a vote of all in favor.

We reviewed the correct pier policies and they include wording to correct what we were concerned about at the last meeting. No changes needed.

We would like to encourage a kayaking business at the Rec. pier this

summer and would consider giving them a discounted rate for the first season to be sure this is a viable business there. We really feel it would be. We were thinking of a rate of \$75 per month. We are hopeful to get more businesses there to increase the vitality of the waterfront. We would like to see it as a destination.

WE would like to apply for a Shore and Harbor planning grant. We need to find a way to connect the Main St pier to the Rec. pier so there would be a walkway to encourage visitors to come into town. We would like to consider a boardwalk, Granite wall with backfill, or any other suggestions that may come up. It needs to be economical and environmentally safe.

We thought there could be better advertising for the concerts to increase attendance. WE will ask the Chamber if this falls in their jurisdiction.

We discussed reviewing the mooring policies to also encourage more use of the harbor. Now there are 2 guest moorings. Maybe there needs to be more? Also there may be ways to make it more accessible to more boaters.

The repairs to the Rec. pier are out to bid at this time. The proposal will decrease the overall footage but will repair the deck and include better railings.

We thought there might be enough to include some type of permanent covered area on the Main St pier for the concerts. We thought about an lean to type, but felt it would obscure the views too much. Maybe an open built structure such as a pergola with a slight pitch to the top. This could be covered when needed and open the rest of the time.

WE then discussed the signage. We would like a simple map on a bulletin board at the Rec pier building. Rick shared a photo of a business with a digital picture frame which showed pictures of different things they offered. We all agreed this might be a really good option. It would require electricity. Another thought was a simple map with brochures.

Meeting closed at 2035.