

WISCASSET WATERFRONT HEARING  
AUGUST 13, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Bryan Buck, Cindy Collamore and Richard Lutes

Also present: Peter Dalton and Susan Robson

Absent: Matt Corwin

1. Call to Order

Bryan Buck called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Membership Application of Susan Robson

The Committee asked Ms. Robson her experience with the waterfront.

There was discussion regarding her experience, civic mindedness and community mindedness.

Dick Lutes made a motion to recommend Susan to the Board of Selectmen for addition to the Waterfront Committee. Bryan seconded. Vote 3-0.

3. Harbor Master Report

The Main Street Pier wiring is done and is up to State code. Five outlets were put in and the old wiring was taken out. There are still 3 outlets: on the South, East and West. The box was re-wired, with new State Code wiring put underneath. The box is now weather-tight. Greg Curtis did the work for just over \$2,100.

Dick recommended that the State put in writing that the wiring is cleared until inspection.

There was discussion on outlets, GFI and codes.

There was discussion regarding the cost of \$2,100 being spent on what wasn't needed to be fixed, due to a member of the public who came down to the Main Street Pier and called the State on electrical "violations".

Two large vessels came in yesterday from Kodiak Alaska; one was a fishing troller.

The fisherman are working well with the incoming vessels.

Dalton performed his first burial at sea last Wednesday. Dick suggested notifying the fisherman next time, who, out of tradition, would surround the Harbor Master's boat in a circle while the burial was being performed.

The Harbor Master boat is running well.

Dalton said the Town owes him just over \$3000 back-pay for duties from the last fiscal year.

Dalton tied off a loose skiff that belonged to a towns person.

#### 4. Other Business

Cindy brought up the grant to extend the piers to create a walkway from the waterfront to the Main Street Pier. She suggested the Committee take action to help this idea progress to make the waterfront more appealing.

Dalton suggested that the Committee contact the Army Corps of Engineers who would issue permits and possibly do the work for free as a training exercise if the Town provided the material. He said the Town Manager would have a contact name and number.

Dalton said there is a 15-foot set-back from the Rail Road lines.

Dick suggested we wait until they blast Maine Yankee so we could get the material (rocks) for free.

Cindy had issue with the potential hazard of the material coming from Maine Yankee.

Bryan suggested that the material (rocks) could come from the Big Dig tunneling project, which would create lots of stone.

Dalton said all grants are currently on hold due to a lack of funds.

There was discussion on rip-wrap and permits.

There was discussion on the possible environmental impact the building of a boardwalk would have to the mudflats.

Bryan suggested the Committee create an advertising campaign by getting the local papers to write an article on "Bringing Back The Boardwalk" to get the word out and stir public interest. He also suggested finding old photos of what the boardwalk used to look like; and get first-person accounts of people who remember using the old boardwalk.

There was discussion on the cost of the project.

Dick suggested that the Town move the Rail Road building onto Rail Road property.

5. Meeting adjourned

Bryan motioned the meeting be adjourned. Dick seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes by Lisa Garman