

**MINUTES
OF THE
WISCASSET WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING
ON
10 SEPTEMBER 2009**

1. **Call to Order.**

Chairman Matt Corwin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He noted that Richard Lutes, Susan Robson and Arthur Faucher were present. Excused: Cindy Collamore, Bryan Buck and Harbor Master Peter Dalton.

2. **Review & Approval of 13 August 2009 Minutes.**

Chairman Corwin asked if the Harbor Masters hours have been addressed. Arthur explained that he had met with Peter regarding his compensation. The problem arose when the HR Department showed a history of 1,500 worked and only 1,300 hours paid. After taking a close look at the dates of service the extra work was done in the 2008 fiscal year to finish the former Harbor Master's tasks.

In the end, the Harbor Master was paid his regular salary of \$15,028 and about \$1,700 for additional work hours in lieu of hiring a part-timer. Peter may have had to work more but it gave him a good sense of the work that has to be done by the Harbor Master and a part-time person if he needed one. The personnel budget was \$20,484 which was not exceeded.

Arthur made it known that Peter actually worked 73.5 hours more than he was paid in 2008. This was a contribution that Peter made to his town for the benefit of his waterfront. The Harbor Master's annual pay is now equally divided in the year's number of weeks regardless of how many hours he needs to work. This was acceptable to the Selectmen and Peter Dalton.

There was favorable discussion on how Peter devised a landing system at the Ferry Road landing this summer after the dolphins were washed away this spring. Good work Peter!

Arthur distributed the information given to him by Lisa Garman which Cindy Colamore had obtained for the Committee from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Chair thanked Cindy for doing this job.

Since the Committee had discussed a boardwalk from one pier to the other at the last meeting, Matt mentioned this could be done with a DEP permit-by-rule. Adding stone to the shore line would be the first step to developing a walk way.

Seeing no other review of the minutes Chairman Corwin asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Susan Robson moved to accept the minutes as printed. Dick Lutes made a second to the motion. No discussion. So voted (3-0).

3. **Harbor Master Report.**

Arthur presented the Harbor Master's report:

1. The 5mph buoys have been replaced.
2. The Road Commissioner joined Peter in making structural inspections at the Memorial Pier. This is to support trucks with snow loads this winter.
3. Arthur added that MDOT awarded a matching grant on the engineering of a new pier. This will be a winter project for the Committee.
4. Arthur included that the State Planning Office navigational grant agreement is to be signed with a project time period from September 2009 to February 2010. The Committee will be starting work on this project at next month's meeting.

Dick Lutes motioned to accept the Harbor Masters report. Susan Robson made a second to the motion. Motion carried (3-0).

4. **Other Business.**

There was discussion on adding rip-rap stone between the two piers and the development of a walkway. The Committee felt this would benefit access and the use of both piers. It was mentioned that when an engineer is selected to design a new Memorial Pier that the project be considered at the same time.

The Committee also discussed harbor activities on the pier and that Tuesdays and Thursdays are considered as days to promote such doings. There was talk of having and/or using funds in the waterfront budget for Chamber dues. Being a member of the area Chamber of Commerce could prove to be beneficial to promote the town during the tourist season.

Arthur suggested that the next meeting's Agenda include the Committee's review of the mooring field maps; the navigational channel; identifying owners of the moorings and contacting them and deciding on the best approach to contract relocating services.

Seeing no further business Chairman Corwin asked for a motion to adjourn. Dick Lutes moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Susan Robson made a second to the motion. No discussion. So voted (3-0).

