

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes

Monday April 9, 2001

Present: Chairman Don Jones, David Brown, Ken Cooper, Joseph Piccirillo, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: Phil DiVece

Guests: Ben Rines, Judy Flanagan, Roy Barnes, Robert Stanley of Tidewater Treks, Deb Pendleton, Bob Rogers, Al Cohen, Leonard Ellis, Jennifer Carleton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the March 19th meeting were approved without change. The chairman's letter of March 30 clarifying the appointed terms of the current members was accepted. The chairman confirmed that the Boating Infrastructure Grant letter of interest had been signed by the selectmen on March 20, and sent to MDOT.

Election of officers was held. Ken Cooper nominated Don Jones to be chairman. Joe Piccirillo seconded and the motion carried 3,0 with Jones abstaining. Dave Brown nominated Phil DiVece to be secretary. Ken Cooper seconded, and the motion carried 4,0.

The chairman cordially greeted the three selectmen, and offered Chairman Rines the floor to address the committee. Ben said that he would like to improve communication between the selectmen and the Waterfront Committee. He requested that a Waterfront Committee member regularly report to the selectmen on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The committee agreed and designated the committee chairman as their monthly reporter, and the committee secretary as alternate reporter.

It was then agreed by the two committees to review the status of several recommendations that had been made by the Waterfront Committee. The following was agreed:

- On defining the vendor season Selectmen request a broader analysis and recommendation on number, fee, location, season, and criteria for approval of vendors.
- On dismantling the ticket office Selectmen request the Waterfront Committee chairman present this recommendation at a selectmen's meeting.
- On constructing a mast and boom Selectmen request the Waterfront Committee chairman present this recommendation at a selectmen's meeting. Harbormaster Sutter explained that he was preparing a recommendation to the committee on the implementation of the new commercial fishing user fee.
- On a policy of removing the Ferry Landing float from Dec 15 through April 15 Selectmen concur
- On disposing of the old fishermen's float It has been completed.

- On constructing three new 20 foot floats Completed.
- On a policy of removing as many waterfront park floats as possible from the water during the winter months at the discretion of the Harbormaster
Selectmen concur.
- On a structural assessment and budgeting four major maintenance improvements at the Waterfront Park in 2001 Budgeting is complete for the year, but selectmen will ask Dave Kinney to make a structural assessment, and they will consider making some of the requested improvements using funds available in waterfront accounts.
- On whether the Waterfront Committee should prepare annual waterfront budgets Selectmen agree.
- On the installation of the boat sewage pump-out station Selectmen agree to discuss it with Dave Kinney.

The committee next heard a presentation from Bob Stanley of Tidewater Treks about renting vendor space on the Creamery Platform for a kayak excursion business. He requested 300 square feet on which to place a temporary plastic-covered shelter, and permission to install specialized kayak boarding floats at the Waterfront Park. The Harbormaster said that there is no place to install the specialized floats, and the committee concurred. Guest Deb Pendleton suggested Stanley consider using White's Island for a kayak launching facility. The use of the White's Island causeway was also mentioned.

There was concern expressed about additional parking demands caused by another business. It was pointed out that the committee in April of 1999 had recommended up to five vendors be permitted on the Creamery Platform and that the parking issue had not been raised with the two businesses already approved for this summer. There was also concern that the temporary shelter might violate building and zoning laws. Mr. Stanley offered to alter his proposed shelter with wheels or grey wood shingles or whatever was necessary to accommodate the ordinances. The chairman agreed to clarify with the appropriate people. The committee asked Mr. Stanley to return April 23 and he agreed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday April 23, 2001 in the map room at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted
Donald Jones, Chairman