

**Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, May 7, 2001**

**Present:** Don Jones, Chairman; Phil DiVece, Secretary; David Brown; Ken Cooper; Joe Piccirillo; and Bill Sutter, Harbormaster.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Members of the Committee on Fees (Jennifer Carleton, Katharine Martin-Savage, Mel Applebee, Leonard Ellis), Bob Stanley of Tideway Treks, and Deb Pendleton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the hearing room. Minutes of the April 23 meeting were accepted as written; a letter from Chewonki Foundation regarding mooring fees and the committee's response to it will be included in the file. Jennifer Carleton, chair of the Committee on Fees requested copies of the Chewonki letter and the Committee's response. The Chairman will provide these.

The chairman briefed the committee on his report to the board of selectmen. He said selectmen approved the waterfront committee's recommendation for the town to retain the former railroad ticket booth for use by the harbormaster. Selectmen also agreed to begin the bid process for construction of the mast and boom. He noted, however that selectmen delayed making a decision on the planned installation of the sewage pumpout facility. The Waterfront Committee is recommending the unit be placed on a float rather than the pier. Selectmen want to consult with the town engineer regarding the pump's location.

Harbormaster Sutter said over 54 mooring permit renewal applications had been received. He expects to receive between \$8,500 and \$9,500 in mooring fee receipts.

The committee voted 5-0 to have the harbormaster obtain two additional copies of Harbor Management: A guide for harbormasters and coastal officials. The committee also unanimously voted to recommend the town replace one mooring area speed limit buoy.

After a presentation from Bob Stanley of Tideway Treks, the committee voted 5-0 to recommend that the board of selectmen grant a seasonal vender's permit to Tideway Treks at his preferred location on the south end of the Creamery pier. During the discussion, Stanley said his temporary building would be a wood-frame structure 14' by 20' by 10' tall. Stanley operates a similar kayak excursion business at Schooner Landing in Damariscotta. The Committee made no recommendation on the amount of the fee.

Following a discussion with the fees committee, the waterfront committee voted 5-0 to recommend that selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Wiscasset, apply to the Boat Pumpout Grant Program available through the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. The program provides funding assistance for the installation and maintenance of these facilities.

There was a general discussion regarding fees charged for waterfront use; including: commercial and residential boat launching fees, mooring fees, and tie-up fees for tour boats. Copies of fee recommendations made by the committee in 1999 were requested by the

Committee on Fees. The Chairman will provide them. The fees committee will compare the fees proposed for use of Wiscasset's waterfront with other towns, including Rockland and Bath. The harbormaster noted for fee collection to be successful the town needed to hire a waterfront attendant(s) on duty during the boating season.

It was agreed that at the next meeting the committee would identify issues related to the use of the Creamery platform. These issues will form a basis for a public meeting in June to gather input from the public, and eventually lead to the preparation of a comprehensive policy on use of the site.

Before adjourning the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the selectmen adopt the harbormaster's suggestion and hire a waterfront attendant starting this summer from June 1 to Sept 30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07. **The next meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday, May 21 in the map room.**