

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2001

Present: Chairman Don Jones, Secretary Phil Di Vece, David Brown, Joe Piccirillo and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: Ken Cooper

Guests: Deb Pendleton who operates a seasonal business at the Creamery Dock, and John Meo from the Wiscasset Newspaper.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the hearing room. The minutes of the May 7 meeting were accepted as written.

Chairman Jones said he had found two additional copies of the Harbor Management manuals. The committee voted 4-0 to rescind a May 7 vote that would have obtained two additional copies of the manual.

Jones met with the board of selectmen on May 8. He said selectmen have decided to hold off on the hiring of a waterfront attendant. He said the board had agreed to put the town's two oldest floats out to bid, in addition to a wooden ramp. Jones added that selectmen had approved Tideway Treks request for a vender's permit on the Creamery pier. The amount of the vender's permit was \$300 for the season.

Harbormaster Sutter said the mast and boom had been advertised and one contractor had met with him on it. Sutter briefed the committee on the mast and boom's proposed design sketching a picture of it to illustrate how it would look and operate. The boom would have a lift capacity of approximately 650 pounds. He said a bid price would be ready in a week. Member Joe Piccirillo asked if the town engineer should review the mast and boom's design. The harbormaster said he didn't feel the town engineer's input was necessary.

Sutter said he set the deadline for renewal of mooring permits. Permit holders who do not pay their renewal fee before the deadline risk having their mooring pulled. The harbormaster added that he had purchased a new speed limit buoy; cost \$212.00.

The committee then brainstormed discussion topics to be used to stimulate public input at a public informational gathering meeting about the waterfront. The following topics were proposed:

1. Should parking at the waterfront park be limited to water dependent uses?
2. Should the town actively solicit cruise ship business?
3. How many, if any, vendors should be allowed at the Creamery Dock and or Memorial Pier?
4. Should the town seek to develop a marina at the Creamery Dock?
5. Should the town purchase the Haggett property?
6. Should the previously proposed redesign of the launch ramps be resurrected and reconsidered?
7. Should maintenance of the public toilet facilities be completely funded from the waterfront account or shared with general town maintenance accounts?
8. What should the waterfront be?

A possible date for the meeting was discussed. At the harbormaster's suggestion the meeting was tentatively planned for early to mid-August.

Before adjourning, Piccirillo said there had been a recent problem at the town landing involving a sailboat. Piccirillo said the sailboat's owner had launched his boat and left behind broken concrete blocks and wood planking. He said this could have caused damage to another person's a boat. The harbormaster said the sailboat owner had received permission to use the east launch ramp, and later returned and picked up the debris.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. **The next meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday, June 4 in the map room.**