

**Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, July 16, 2001**

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

**Absent:** David Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Memorial Pier flagpole for a tour of the waterfront. An inspection of the decking on the Pedestrian Pier and the Boardwalk confirmed the need to replace additional planking as recommended by Dave Kinney. The chairman reported on his conversation with an attorney from the Maine Municipal Association about town liability and the need to add a railing to the Pedestrian Pier, the Main Pier and the Boardwalk. The MMA attorney said OSHA standards do not apply to the town piers, and towns are exempt from liability for outdoor recreational facilities. The committee agreed not to recommend that a railing be added as recommended by Kinney.

A tour of the Creamery Pier revealed that Deb Pendleton has relocated her vender's building and hung flower boxes on the railing without first getting a recommendation of the waterfront committee. It was noted that Pendleton has also increased the size of her vending area. Vender Frank Sprague has turned his lunch wagon from its prior year position so that it this year faces west toward the village. The committee adjourned at 8:40 and re-convened at the town office at 8:47pm

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. The chairman reported that Stafford Associates agreed to moderate the public information meeting planned for August or September to discuss waterfront issues.

By a 3-1 vote, DiVece dissenting, the committee agreed to advise the board of selectmen that All the Best, a seasonal business operated by Deb Pendleton has relocated more towards the center of the Creamery Pier and it is the Waterfront Committee's recommendation that all vendors be located along the north, east or south edges of the pier.

A motion to notify selectmen that Pendleton was in violation of her vender's permit by having: 1) relocated without permission and 2) exceeded the size limit of her vending space, failed 2-2. DiVece and Piccirillo voted in favor of the motion; Jones and Cooper dissented.

The committee voted 3-1, Piccirillo dissenting, to approve a seasonal vender's permit on the Creamer Pier to Robert Rogers, with the location specified on the northwest corner of the dock at a fee of not less than \$100.

Members expressed frustration about the lack of action by the selectmen on several of the committee's recommendations. They asked the chairman to raise the following issues when he gives his July report to the selectmen:

- 1) Installing sewage pumpout station

- 2) Replacing rotten planking on boardwalk and Pedestrian Pier
- 3) Repairing the floodlight on the south side of the Main Pier
- 4) Refurbishing the flagpole
- 5) Hiring a waterfront attendant

Piccirillo reported on his visit with Police Chief Emmons regarding young people hanging out at the waterfront at night. Police routinely patrol the area. The police chief said to call if there were problems. Selectmen have the authority to set a curfew.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44. **The next meeting will be on Monday August 6 in the hearing room.** Two members, Cooper and DiVece indicated they would not be able to attend.