

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes
Monday, Sept. 24, 2001

Present: Chairman Don Jones, secretary Phil DiVece, Joe Piccirillo, David Brown, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent Road: Road Commissioner Woody Freeman had requested to be on the agenda but was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the firehouse. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. The chairman read a letter of resignation from committee member Ken Cooper. His resignation, effective September 17, had been accepted by the selectmen on Sept. 18. The waterfront committee unanimously voted to express regret at Cooper's resignation.

The committee reviewed plans for the September 27 public informational meeting on the future of the waterfront. The likelihood of a successful meeting seemed high.

The committee reviewed the bid specs for the installation of the sewage pump-out at the waterfront. Following a discussion of the piping necessary to connect the floats to the ramp and to the main pier, **the committee voted to recommend the installation of the sewage pump-out unit be postponed pending the replacement of the older wooden ramp with a new aluminum one.** The vote was 3-1, DiVece dissenting. The majority felt that fittings to support the flexible pipe connections could be designed into the aluminum replacement ramp that the committee had previously recommended for replacement in the current year. Postponement would also avoid the need for reinstallation on the new ramp.

In the absence of the Road Commissioner the committee decided to proceed to a discussion of a schedule for hauling out the floats. Harbormaster Sutter said, "The ideal thing would be to leave them all in the water until the first of April, pull them out, scrape them and put them back in the water."

Another alternative would be to pull some of the floats after Oct. 31 and some after Dec. 15. After October 31 all the floats on the pedestrian pier could be pulled. After Dec 15 main pier floats 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, and 20 as well as the old town float could be pulled. That would leave sufficient remaining main pier floats for worm car and commercial fishing use over the winter. A variation of this option would be to service and relaunch the pedestrian floats after Dec 15 to temporarily replace and allow all the main pier floats to be hauled for the winter.

A different variation of the staggered fall hauling schedule would be to haul all the main pier floats on one side, service and relaunch for the winter, and then haul the main pier floats on the opposite side for the winter. It was agreed the chairman should ask the Road Commissioner to attend the October 8

meeting to discuss which of these or another hauling schedule would work best for him.

The committee discussed their observations of the tour of the Mason Station property and the harbor boat tour. The consensus was that the two excursions benefited the committee.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend placement of a sign at the town ferry landing “Town of Wiscasset Public Landing.”

The harbormaster requested two items be placed on the committee's next meeting agenda:

- 1) Maine Yankee's plans to leave plant diffusers in Montsweag Bay.
- 2) The future of Maine Yankee's dam on Montsweag Brook.

Secretary DiVece asked that Maine Yankee's docking facilities also be added to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. **The next meeting will be on Columbus Day Oct. 8 in the municipal hearing room at 7pm.**