

**Wiscasset Waterfront Committee
Monday March 3, 2002 Meeting**

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

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. in the municipal building hearing room. Minutes of the Feb. 18 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. The following items were on the agenda.

HAGGETT PROPERTY The chairman provided the committee with a copy of his Feb. 26 report to the board of selectmen regarding the committee's position on the Haggett purchase. At the March 1995 annual town meeting voters raised \$40,000 to purchase, from Barbara Haggett, three small parcels abutting the town's Creamery Pier. The purchase was never completed because Mrs. Haggett was unable to establish clear title to the parcels. A subsequent article at March 1999 town meeting to force the purchase was dismissed; and a related article at that same town meeting that would have deauthorized those funds failed to pass. The Waterfront Committee went on record Feb. 18 in opposition to a recent Budget Committee recommendation to return the \$40,000 raised for the Haggett lot's purchase to the general fund. The Waterfront Committee recommends selectmen proceed with the Haggett lot purchase as intended by the vote of the townspeople at the March 1995 meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE The chairman indicated his intention to attend, at the request of the selectmen, the March 7 Budget Committee meeting to present the proposed waterfront budget, which was adopted by this committee at the December 3rd meeting.

TOUR OF ROCKLAND HARBOR The committee agreed to indefinitely postpone a planned tour of the Rockland waterfront. One purpose of that visit was to have observed the operation of the Dragon Cement barge loading operation.

SHIP/BIG APPLICATIONS Applications for this year's Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) and Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG.) were discussed. The town may apply for up to \$200,000 in state funds under the SHIP, and a lesser amount of federal funds under the BIG program. A minimum 25% local hard match is required for both programs. The committee agreed to revise and resubmit it's prior year BIG proposal for major maintenance on the Waterfront Park. The committee also agreed to present the previously shelved 1993 seawall and launch ramp reconstruction project under the SHIP. All grant applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2002 in order for the request to be considered. The committee will include blue prints, photographs and other engineering materials with their application. A copy of the grant solicitation is attached.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. **The next meeting will be on March 18 at 7pm in the hearing room.** The agenda will include a discussion of White's Island, which was recently put on the market for sale. Judy Foss of Stafford Business Advisors has been invited to attend.