

**Wiscasset Waterfront Committee**  
**12 November 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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Present: Chairman Eric Cousineau, Members James Kochan, Frank Sprague, Harbormaster and Police Chief Larry Hesselstine; Town Manager Dennis Simmons and Select Board Liaison Terry Heller.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

10 SEP Meeting Minutes were unavailable for review and approval.

Harbormaster's Report:

Status of Town Floats: The poor condition of the existing floats are such that of the 4-5 floats onhand requiring repairs, 3-4 of those may require replacement in-kind, the balance with major repairs. The Harbormaster states that an RFP will be going out to address the repair and/or replacement of the floats. Improperly sited worm carts/floats remain an issue at and around the Commerical Pier. The Harbormaster boat propellor was ruined by such.

Old Business:

Waterfront Committee Vacancies: The Chairman reported briefly on his interview with one of the applicants for a vacant Waterfront Committee position, Luke Saindon, who was also present at this meeting in the audience. The Chair also reported that another party had withdrawn his earlier application. There are two other applicants that still need to be contacted and interviews arranged (the most recent applicant, Kevin Bassett, also being present in the audience), The Chair noted that he will contact the applicants to arrange a convenient time for interviews.

New Business: The need for possible expansion of the committee's size was discussed, not only to ensure that the committee's work could proceed with a quorum at meetings, but more so because there was great interest in the committee from a number of individuals with varied backgrounds and experiences that were viewed as highly desirable assets and whose participation as contributing members would be in the town's interest. Adding one additional position was proposed, but the Town Manager pointed out that the committee would need to be expanded by two, not one, to ensure no hung votes, etc. It was proposed and seconded to increase the committee from 5 to 7 members. Discussion was held, in which Member Sprague voiced initial opposition. However, the committee voted 3-0 to expand the committee from 5 to 7. The Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Select Board.

Advertising of pier vendor opportunities for the 2025 season was discussed and recommended. The Town Manager said that the Committee should work with the Town Economic Development Officer in the preparation and distribution of such advertisements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.