

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee
13 August 2024 Meeting Minutes

Prepared by James L. Kochan, Secretary

Present: Chairman Eric Cousineau, Members Richard Forrest, David Gagnon, James Kochan and Richard Sprague; Town Manager Dennis Simmons; Harbormaster and Police Chief Larry Hesselstine; Public Works Manager Ted Snowden; Select Board Liaison Terri Heller.

Meeting was called to order at 5:14 PM

Minutes of the 14 May and 11 June 2024 meetings were reviewed and approved with 4 votes and 1 abstention (Kochan, having not been a member and/or in attendance).

Minutes of the 9 July 2024 were reviewed and motion and second made for approval. Call for discussion made by James Kochan concerning overnight parking discussion at previous meeting, in which he noted that no vote had been taken with regard to a recommendation or fee structure for such to the Select Board. He proposed that the minutes be corrected accordingly. Motion was made to accept the minutes with said correction, duly seconded and unanimously approved

Old Business:

Overnight parking on waterfront lots and rates were again revisited for discussion and the consensus was that the committee felt it best that no overnight camping/occupancy should be allowed in any parked vehicles.

The Harbormaster discussed the town moorings status. The Harbor and Waterfront Fee Schedules were discussed by the committee and a recommendation made for changing fees for 2025 season, with new dinghy (tender) fees. \$50 were recommended for residents and \$175 for non-residents, based on comparables in similar towns in the region.

New Business:

The Town Manager reported that there were two Pier Vendor applications still in need of approval by the Select Board for the current season: the ATM and Forgotten Recipes. Discussion was held. Committee recommended that Select Board approve the ATM renewal and also approve the renewal for Forgotten Recipes upon receipt of balance of fee still pending.

Member Dick Forrest advised the committee that he would be stepping down due to medical issues. The Town Manager asked him to write a letter of resignation to the Select Board. The committee expressed its deep appreciation for Dick's longstanding service and contributions and wished him the best in the recovery of his health.

Chairman Cousineau passed out an abbreviated guide for use of Roberts Rules of Order and discussed its implementation in future Waterfront Committee meetings.

The Harbormaster discussed mooring requests and the issue of houseboat moorings and recommended that a revision be inserted in current ordinance to cover this issue. He will draft such language for the Ordinance Review Committee.

Public Works Manager recommended that no boats be allowed on the recreational float.

Discussion was held concerning pier vendors who are not staffing their booths on Creamery Pier in accordance with agreed terms as to number of days and hours per day. The Town Manager will contact said vendors and ask them to fully comply.

The Town Manager reported that a \$15K grant to repair the launch ramp and replace the float system had been submitted to the state and that he was recommending that the Select Board vote to expend the \$46K carried over from the previous years to contribute to said repairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21.