

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee
Meeting Minutes
01-10-13

Present: Susan Robson, Margo Strong, John Pringle, Frank Sprague

Meeting called to order. Welcomed new member Margo Rafter Strong and introductions done.

Reviewed harbor Master report that showed that the 2012 season went very well. Allowing lobster trapping within the mooring field seemed to have been okay and the fisherman were good about taking care of any issues that did occur. Thank you to all. Therefore we vote to suspend no fishing ordinance within the mooring field for another year. Motion by Jack and seconded by Frank and voted in agreement by all.

Discussed the need for emergency gear to be available at both piers. We discussed the need for life rings and ladders onto floats in case of people falling into the water. Agree this would be a good idea and will explore in more detail as to placements.

Susan let us know that there is pumping station equipment that we own, but it has not been put into use at this time. We will look into different ideas of how best to do this, such as a float set up or on shore set up.

We are in agreement that a boardwalk between the Creamery Platform and Recreational platform is a priority. With a boardwalk in place we can put forth more economic development ideas that would make use of things such as better signage, encouragement of a business to use the waterfront for recreation such as kayaking and or tour boats, and a detailed map at the waterfront that would detail businesses and historical sites in the village. We agree that the history of Wiscasset is a real asset that sets us apart from other towns and we could use this to benefit the area.

There is a path from the Old Jail to the area behind the water treatment plant. Not sure how well used this has been but would be good to connect to more walkways along the waterfront.

We have several things to review before the next meeting. Vendor permit application; Main Street Pier Policy; The Waterfront Master Plan and Recommendations from October 2002 and its summary; and Bike-ped plan.

Meeting adjourned.