Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes September 30, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1723

We started with a review of the boardwalk feasibility study. The shoreline is 800 linear feet of which most of it, 300-600 linear feet, is over coastal wet lands.

Anything will need to be at least 10 feet from the railroad bed if there is a barrier. This could be as simple as a heavy rope or metal cable. If there is no barrier then we must stay 15 feet from the rail bed. We can use a variety of materials. Where it is over the water it must be 12 feet above the high water mark. It must be ADA accessible. There is a concern regarding a gravel walkway being impacted by severe weather and needing to be replaced, an added cost to consider.

Property easement will be a major consideration. We don't want to destroy the property owner's view or create something hideous for them to have to look at. We were shown some artist rendition of two different possibilities. The first was close to the shoreline. And there are two versions. The first is 8 ft wide and 600 ft long and would cost $175,000. The second along the shoreline was 15 ft wide and 500 linear ft boardwalk with 15 ft wide and 300 ft paved walks. This would cost

$350,000. Site lighting would be another $65,000 and amenities such as signs and benches would be $20,000.

The second option would be using the narrow gauge railroad path. This would

need to be higher off the water to allow sunshine to reach the water plants underneath. This would be 775 linear feet and could only be made of concrete or wood. It will need to be at least 1ft over flood stage or 12 feet above high water. This also must be ADA accessible so it would require ramps. It would have more vertical impact on abutters. If it was 6ft wide it would cost $350,000, or if 15 ft wide would cost $675,000. Lighting = $60,000 and Amenities = $20,000. Web will need to have a public meeting to discuss options. We do know there are no critical species in this area.

 The Harbormaster reports that NOAH has requested to be allowed to place a tidal measurement instrument at the Rec pier. This would provide improved data regarding tides, moon phases, water temp., barometric pressures and wind speed. We approved this by 3 yes and O no votes.

Chris Curtis is now updating Main Street from 40 amp to 200 amps. This is being done to bring the pier up to code.

Aluminum ramps to be built for Ferry Landing over the winter. The pad is being

repaired.

Floats on the south side of town docks will be pulled this year in early Nov. Minutes of last meeting approved by vote of 4 yes, 0 no.

We did a review of the past season and all looks well. We will ask Doug Fowler to move the planters indoors for winter. The Museum in the Streets plagues were well read and seem to be enjoyed by many. A great addition.

We will need to review the pier policies once again over the winter and fine tune them. Also look forward to meeting our new town manager.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be October 28,2014 at 1700