

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Meeting
Minutes 02-19-14

Present: Susan Robson; Jack Pringle; Rick Scanlan; Margo Strong; Dan Bradford

Meeting called to order at 1805.

Dan reports that the rec pier repairs are done except for a few minor cosmetics which will be completed in the spring. They have placed good beefy pilings and have added 40 feet of float frontage.

Dan has his budget submission ready to go. He did include enough to get a repair kit for the old electric pump out. We discussed our choice to use a manual pump out and if we can get the grant it would only cost the town \$250 match. This would eliminate need for on-call personnel and electricity. Margo will work on the grant application and prepare it for submission.

Dan has enough in his budget to cover the \$100 for two banners with map and pictures of points of interest. One will be on the Harbor master building and the second will be at the train platform. This year the plan is to bring the train to the area behind Railway Ave.

The renters on the Main Street pier pay for 1 pot potty and the town pays for another and a handicapped one. We can not do much to make them more appealing at this time.

There are a few picnic tables on each pier and we discussed using half whiskey barrels for plantings to make the piers more appealing. We decided that 4 barrels would be enough to start with and see how they do for a season.

Dan has included the cost of wifi at the harbor master building for use by boaters and visitors. We can give them the password when they pay for moorings.

Active Captain has offered us a reduced rate for municipalities of \$99/year. We decided to just use free posting for this year.

The first public hearing regarding a boardwalk connecting the two piers will be on March 13th at 1900. Jack feels a walkway along the shore would be best as opposed to an actual boardwalk. We will wait to see what the study that is being done shows and then discuss actual options.

We will have a meeting with Cruise Maine representative on 04-15-14 to discuss what might help draw more people to Wiscasset waterfront as a destination. We are hoping to see more travel by train, boat and trolley in the near future.

Meeting adjourned at 1900.