

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes

Monday October 16, 2000

Present: Donald Jones, Chairman, David Brown, D. Kenniston Cooper, William Morison, Secretary, and William Sutter, Harbormaster

Absent: Mark Damon

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. A quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. The Harbormaster had nothing to report.

Discussion of the mast and boom proposal resumed. The chairman presented a draft "Proposal for the Use of the Memorial Pier Facilities by Commercial Fishermen," based on the decisions and discussions of previous meetings. The committee reviewed it line by line and made numerous changes corrections and clarifications. The motion to recommend to the selectmen that a mast and boom be constructed at town expense on Memorial Pier in accordance with the revised "Proposal for the Use of the Memorial Pier by Commercial Fishermen" was made and seconded. It was agreed to by a vote of 4 to 0.

The chairman reported that the selectmen had tabled the request of the waterfront food vendor, Nita's Lunch, to leave their vendor wagon on the Memorial Pier parking lot over the winter, pending further recommendations from the Waterfront Committee on waterfront vendors. Based on discussion at the October 2nd meeting, the chairman offered the following motion:

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that henceforth waterfront vendors be charged a seasonal fee of \$500 for the use of space on either the Creamery Pier or Memorial Pier. Vendors should locate only on the piers at agreed upon locations, and not be allowed to occupy parking spaces, as has been the practice in the past. Furthermore, it is the opinion of this committee that vendors should be issued permits for one season at a time. We recommend that the season be defined as June 1 to October 31. Vendor equipment should not be permitted on town property outside that period.

This recommendation does not cover possible future rent of the "ticket office." Once Maine Coast Railroad vacates on Dec 4, 2000, we recommend referring any potential users to the Waterfront Committee for review and recommendation.

The motion failed for lack of a second. Cooper offered the following motion:

The Waterfront Committee recommends that the waterfront vendor season be defined as June 1 to October 31. Vendor equipment should not be permitted on town property outside that period.

The motion was seconded by Morrison and was approved by a vote of 3 to 1, Jones opposed.

Cooper offered the following motion:

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that the "ticket office" be dismantled after the Maine Coast Railroad ceases operations on the Rockland Branch on December 4, 2000.

The motion was seconded by Morrison and was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm. The next meeting will be on Monday November 6 in the municipal hearing room at 7pm.

Submitted by Donald Jones, Chairman

WISCASSET WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

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The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that the waterfront vendor permit season be defined as June 1st to October 31st. Vendor equipment should not be permitted on town property outside that period.

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that the "ticket office" be dismantled after the Maine Coast Railroad ceases operations on the Rockland Branch on December 4, 2000.

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that a mast and boom be constructed at town expense on Memorial Pier in accordance with the attached "Proposal for the Use of the Memorial Pier by Commercial Fishermen."

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Jones, Chairman

A Proposal for the Use of the Memorial Pier Facilities by Commercial Fishermen

Summary

Commercial fishermen would buy a permit to use town facilities at the Memorial Pier. The permit would entitle the holder to use the Memorial Pier, the moored fishing gear storage float, and the mast and boom. A reduced rate permit would not include the use of the mast and boom.

Fishermen's Gear Float

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that they make one of the currently unused floats available for use by the fishermen as a floating gear storage platform. Moored in the harbor this float would provide a location for storing gear and exchanging retrieved gear.

Designated Floats

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that floats 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20 on the south side of Memorial Pier be designated for use by commercial fishermen only, and that no commercial fishing gear or products be permitted on floats 1 through 8 and on the pedestrian portion of Memorial Pier.

Mast and Boom

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen that a mast and boom be constructed at town expense on the southeast corner of the Memorial Pier for the purpose of hoisting bait, gear, and catch to and from the floats.

Permit and Fees

The Waterfront Committee recommends to the selectmen a \$200 annual fee for use of the designated commercial fishing floats, the moored float for gear, and the mast and boom. It further agreed to recommend an annual fee of \$50 for use of the designated floats and moored float for those users who choose not to use the mast and boom. The committee agreed not to make a fee recommendation at this time for one time or occasional or non-commercial fishing users, preferring to leave this possibility to the discretion of the selectmen.

Mast and Boom

Location

The mast and boom will be placed at the southeast corner of the main pier. An eyebolt for securing the boom cable when not in use will be landward on the south side.

Insurance

The Larrabee Agency said that the structure would be covered under the town's blanket liability policy, that it should probably be listed as an item with other waterfront facilities, and that any increased cost would probably be between 0 and \$100.

Design

The following design criteria were agreed to:

- Maximum working load 650lbs – the design load would likely be three times the working load.
- Hydraulic winch controls to be fitted with appropriate pressure relief valve, and to be “power in/power out.”
- To be constructed of painted steel to a weatherproof standard.
- Electric powered hydraulic winch (make and model to be specified).
- Electrical components to be suitable for all weather conditions.
- Eyebolt to secure the cable to when not in use.
- The service area of the boom to be 360° and radius of 12’.
- The working height over the main pier to be ten feet.
- The lifting speed to be one foot per second.

Operator responsibilities

Each commercial fishing permit applicant, who wishes to use the mast and boom, will be required to sign and date a statement of operating rules. The following rules are suggested:

- Key to be issued with permit after statement is signed.
- The permittee must maintain possession of his key. It may not be loaned.
- There will be a \$100 deposit on the key to cover the cost should a lost key necessitate changing the lock and issuing new keys.
- Maximum lift weight 650lbs
- No horseplay
- No riding the cable
- Must use barrel cage
- Operator must restrict access to the loading area.
- Cable to be snugged tight to the eyebolt before shutting down the winch.
- Failure to observe these operating rules may result in loss of privilege of using the mast and boom.
- The permit year shall be from November 1st to October 31st of the following year. Applications are due on November 1st.