Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes Monday, July 2, 2001

Present Don Jones, Phil DiVece, Joe Piccirillo, Ken Cooper, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

Absent: David Brown.

Guests: Robert Rogers owner of The Trading Post Canoe-Kayak Sales & Rentals, Deb Pendleton.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the town office. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Ken Cooper said for the waterfront dock to be in compliance with OSHA requirements a railing was needed. At the June 18 meeting the committee had recommended against the installation of the railing. After a brief discussion the committee voted 4-0 to have the chairman consult with the Maine Municipal Association regarding OSHA requirements to determine whether a railing was required.

Robert Rogers owner of The Trading Post Canoe-Kayak Sales & Rentals requested a seasonal vendor's permit on the Creamery Pier. Rogers asked for an 8' x 12' space on the west side of the pier adjacent to Deb Pendleton's space. Rogers wanted to place four or five "sign" kayaks and a banner advertising his Route 1 business. He planned to staff his vending site three days per week. A motion to recommend that the board of selectmen grant the permit was made by DiVece and seconded by Jones. The motion failed on a vote of 2 to 2, with Cooper and Piccirillo opposing. Rogers was advised he could renew his request next meeting, when more committee members might be present.

The committee voted 4-0 to table action on Deb Pendleton's request to plant flowers and add window boxes, at her own expense, on the Creamery Pier. The committee wanted to get clarification on the boundary lines between the town and state properties. Chief Emmons and the Road Commissioner Freeman are presently investigating the boundaries at the request of the selectmen.

Harbormaster's Report: Bill Sutter said a sign listing the town's tie-up fees had been posted at the waterfront.

On another matter, he said 5 moorings had been pulled for non-payment of the renewal fee.

Stray lobster traps will no longer be left on the floats. The harbormaster said, under a new policy, fishermen would pile these on the main pier for weekly removal by the town crew.

Mast and Boom: the harbormaster noted area fishermen are pursuing this further.

Before adjourning, Joe Piccirillo said there's been a problem of people loitering at the waterfront at night and several incidents of vandalism to town property. The committee authorized Piccirillo to meet with the police chief on

behalf of the committee to see what he would recommend the best course of action would be.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10. The next meeting will be July 16. The committee will convene at the flagpole on the town waterfront at 7pm.