

**Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, Nov. 5, 2001**

**Present:** Chairman Don Jones, Secretary Phil DiVece, Joe Piccirillo, David Brown, Greg Hammond, and Harbormaster Bill Sutter.

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the firehouse. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Chairman Jones welcomed new member Greg Hammond to the meeting.

The board reviewed a copy of a letter to Wiscasset Selectmen from Nigel Calder of Alna, which touched on transportation issues as they pertain to Wiscasset and the waterfront. (A copy of the letter will be placed on file with these minutes.)

By a unanimous vote, the committee agreed to adopt a Creamery Pier Use Policy (copy attached). The policy includes a diagram of Creamery Pier indicating five proposed vender locations. The policy will be turned over to the board of selectmen for their consideration. During the committee's discussion of the policy Joe Piccirillo expressed concern regarding the fairness of the vender fees. He also felt stricter controls were needed that would prohibit all vehicles from the deck. Other concerns were raised concerning height restrictions and whether additional wording was needed to clarify the policy. After further discussion the committee decided to let the board of selectmen make this determination.

**Other business:**

- **•Maine Yankee docking facility**

The chairman will contact Judy Foss of Stafford Associates regarding the future use of this facility known as the Bailey Point Boating Club and located on the Back River of the Sheepscot. The docks are close to the town-owned Ferry Landing boat launch.

- **•Maine Yankee plant diffusers**

Harbormaster Bill Sutter said the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1889 mandates that whatever a developer puts into a river or harbor must be removed after the commercial venture ceases. Sutter said Maine Yankee has two, 9-or 10-foot-wide "diffuser" pipes under water in Montsweag Bay. The diffusers were formerly used to disperse hot water from the former nuclear plant on Bailey Point. When the permits for the diffusers were approved in the 1970s Maine Yankee was granted a 25-acre "kill zone" in the bay. Now that the plant is permanently shutdown the area is again open to fishing, however plant officials want to amend their license so that they don't have to remove the diffusers. The harbormaster feels Maine Yankee has an obligation to remove its diffusers from the river bottom.

"If they are going to clean up the land (around the plant) then they should clean-up the water too," Sutter said. The harbormaster added the diffusers should be removed so as not to infringe upon the future fishing of the bay.

The committee wanted to hear from Maine Yankee before taking formal action. The chairman will contact Maine Yankee about sending a representative to a future meeting.

- **Maine Yankee dam on Montsweag Brook**

Now that the nuclear plant is no longer operational the harbormaster feels this dam should be removed. The secretary suggested the committee arrange a visit to the dam site. The chairman will arrange a date with Maine Yankee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7pm in the firehouse.