

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee
January 06, 2015 Minutes

Present: Susan Robson, Frank Sprague, Rick Scanlan, Jamel Torres, Margo Strong,
Dan Bradford and Paul Parks

Called to order at 1702

Approved Sept. and Nov. minutes.

No public comment

We were introduced to our new Town Planner, Jamel Torres and he gave us a summary of his experience. He is very enthusiastic about this job.

Dan reports the harbor is hibernating. There are a couple of scallopers in the harbor, one on a town mooring and one on a private mooring with permission. The Sheepscot River is open.

Paul Parks came to the meeting to share an idea with us. Paul has spent his life on the water. He feels, as we do, that our waterfront is a diamond in the rough. He thinks that a full service town owned marina could be a money making option. Each slip would bring in monies for the town and with enough slips it could be quite lucrative. He knows Cathy Pickering, the harbormaster in Belfast. She was instrumental in getting their full service marina up and going. Paul will contact her for any advice she would share with us. Jamel will look into code issues. We would look into materials but it is suggested that cement ramps and docks would be left in year round and last longer without repairs necessary. Some work regarding environmental and property issues has already been done by Wright-Pierce during the feasibility study for boardwalk. Paul has agreed to give us a short presentation at our next meeting regarding his plans. We will need to talk to the yacht clubs feelings regarding a marina.

Point East had planned a marina at the Mason station property years ago but that was never realized. The town owns the land around the plant but not the building itself, as it is a brown field.

We will check with the selectman regarding policy for piers. Will need harbor ordinances to compare.

Adjourned at 1800