

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes, approved 6/13/2023; 3/0  
May 23 2023

Those present were: Susan, David, Dick, Frank, Dennis, Larry, Callie  
Representing the Working Waterfront Group was Abbie

Sue called the meeting to order at 5:04pm

The committee reviewed the May 9th meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Frank and seconded by Sue. 3-1-0, David abstained as he was not present.

Harbormaster Report:

Ramp was repaved, Houseboat ordinance discussed as a possibility, fees for short term dock/mooring rental coming in.

One boat in harbor of concern, owner unable to properly maintain, have made contact. No action at this time.

Boat launch fees to begin July 1st, discussion of draft permit, mooring permit holders requesting launch fee to be waived should be covered by mooring permit fee, stickers and signs for annual boat launch permit to be ordered, for day use possible use envelope with detachable portion for Harbormaster to distinguish payment.

Question about harbor organization, commercial in one area and pleasure boats in other, no longer the case.

The Committee reviewed the Pier Vender Application for: Beaver Ridge Farm Stead. Sage Freddura representing Beaver Ridge Farmstead LLC, discussed his application with the Committee at length. Business will reside in the former Chamber of Commerce building and operate as a farm stand with fresh fruit and vegetables as well as flowers. Additionally outside of the building will reside a pizza oven to sell freshly cooked pizzas with a seating area. The pizza oven will be a propane/wood fire combination on a movable trailer with a separate "kitchen cart" that will contain a mobile sink, prep area and cooler.

Discussed the health requirements, the pier policy requirements, the limitations of the pier including water, power, signage, trash and the general foot traffic.

After much discussion David made a motion to approve the Beaver Ridge Farm Stead pier application as presented, seconded by Dick.

Working Waterfront Group updated by Abbie: The group has put together many ideas, will prioritize and make a presentation to the Committee soon. The group also assisted Dennis and the Lincoln County Planning Commission with the Shore Harbor grant due June 2nd for the seawall replacement.

Sue discussed with the Committee a Unified Waterfront Plan, which ties in with the Working Waterfront Group. When the group makes its presentation a plan will be further formulated.

Passenger Rail may be coming soon with a stop in Wiscasset.

David discussed with the Committee the Pier application that was approved for Shane from the Water Street Bar and Grill. Application was approved with measurements needing to be completed for the accessory space. Shane was not at the planned meeting and by measurements taken the space discussed was far larger than seems feasible. Additionally looking for update on electric meter.

Waterfront Committee will vote to establish space available for rent to accommodate the pier needs.

Motion made by Sue to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dick.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm