

WISCASSET ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES, JUNE 27, 2022

Present: Jackie Lowell, Chair Karl Olson, Don Oyster, Anna Ridle and Planner Emily Rabbe

Absent: Al Cohen

1. Call to Order

Chair Karl Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2022

Don Oyster moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2022. Vote 3-0-1 (Olson abstained).

3. Port and Harbor ordinance draft revisions

Section 3.1.1 was revised as follows:

UNPAID PERMIT FEES

Moorings whose permits have expired shall be subject to removal following 14 days' notice sent by first class mail to applicant's address indicated on the mooring assignment permit application.

Section 3.10 was drafted as follows:

INSPECTION OF MOORING

All moorings shall be inspected at least once every three (3) years by an inspector certified as qualified by the harbormaster. Watercraft shall not be allowed to remain on an unsafe mooring until the defect is corrected as certified by a qualified inspector. All defects found shall be corrected within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Harbormaster. A record of all inspections shall be maintained by the Harbormaster.

However, there were questions regarding the definition of a qualified inspector and what a reasonable time would be. It was determined that the chair would contact the Harbormaster who is also the Chief of Police for further information.

Section 3.11 was revised as follows:

REMOVAL OF MOORING

In case of the neglect or refusal of the master or owner of any boar or vessel to remove his mooring or to replace it by one of different character, when so directed by the Harbormaster, the Harbormaster shall cause the entire mooring to be removed and collect from the master or owner of that boat or vessel *a fee to be determined by the Selectboard* for the necessary expenses. Before removing a permitted mooring.....

Section 3.12 was amended as follows:

(2nd Paragraph)If that vessel has no crew aboard or if the master or other person in charge neglects or refuses to move such vessel as directed by the Harbormaster, the Harbormaster may put a suitable crew on board and move that vessel to a suitable berth at a wharf or anchorage or other location at the cost and risk of the owners of the vessel and shall charge *a fee as established in a Town Fee Schedule revised from time to time by the Board of Selectmen and payable to the Town of Wiscasset, Maine....*

The fine on page will not be changed (per Dennis Simmons).

4. Other Business

It was reported that according to the Town Manager, the new selectboard will review the marijuana draft ordinance at a workshop. The Office of Marijuana Policy has been changed to the Office of Cannabis Policy and the selectboard will make the decision on the change in wording in the ordinance.

A draft medical marijuana ordinance, adapted from the Damariscotta ordinance, has been sent to the selectboard.

The new housing bill, LD 2003, and the problems with implementing it were briefly discussed.

5. Adjournment

Anna Ridle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.