

Wiscasset Waterfront Committee Meeting July 25, 2023

Those present were: Susan, David, Frank, Terry, Dennis, Larry, Callie
Present from the Working Waterfront Group were: Don Davis, David Stapp

Sue called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
Due to being short of a quorum the review of the minutes was postponed.

Ryan Gahagan from Treadwood LLC made a presentation on the ongoing planning for the purchase and use of the current "Mason Station" property. The purpose of this presentation was to introduce himself and give a preliminary outline of the discussed plans. The discussion included ideas for battery storage, a mixed commercial use of buildings and a marina. Each of these would come in stages and would focus on the environmental impact and creation of jobs.

Members of the waterfront committee had a few questions answered and expressed their support of this project. Both parties agreed they would continue to actively communicate as these plans progress.

The Working Waterfront Group discussed with the committee the unified vision presentation they have been working on that recently included discussions with Treadwell LLC. A formal presentation is planned for the August 22 meeting.

Don Davis discussed the waterfront dock volunteer work so far. They are keeping a log of incoming boats and assisting with the boat launch permits. A credit card machine is in the process of being installed.

The Harbor Master reported the following:
Signs have been installed at the boat launch, recreational pier and harbor master office for all fees and contact information. An envelope holder has been installed at the boat launch ramp and two new clear ones installed at the harbor master office.

A total of \$1,550 has been collected in the month of July for boat launch fees. 6 Residential, 5 non residential and 2 commercial annual permits and 15 day use permits have been issued.
22 mooring holders have completed their applications and obtained a boat launch permit sticker at no additional charge.

A total of \$540 has been collected from 6 separate stays in overnight docking fees has been collected for the month of July. One boat used the mooring and left without paying.

In July \$272 was collected for mooring permits.

The last two cameras have been obtained and will be installed around the replacement of the roof.

A discussion about the ongoing water hose at the waterfront being left on was had. A shut off will be installed and if the issues continue it will be shut off inside. The water bill is very high. WFC suggested the dockmaster volunteers can oversee water being shut off.

Volunteers are also keeping a tally of visiting boaters.

The building on the recreational pier appears to still not have an electric meter installed. The bills will be compared for now but need meter installed. We recall the installation being linked with the work to be done for powering the Pump out. Larry will contact Ted.

Terry discussed with the committee the continuing plans for a train stop in Wiscasset, there will be a presentation at the next Selectboard Meeting.

There was a brief discussion on dingy tie ups to be continued at the next meeting. Sue made a motion to adjourn at 6:07pm