

OOBMITS Meeting Notes 05/15/18

Meeting Convened: 5:15PM in Town Council Chambers

In Attendance:

Pat Brown, Wendy Chase, Demi Kulacz, Megan McLaughlin, Kim Schwickrath, Helene Whittaker

ITEM 1: Brochure Discussion

- Review 4 brochure examples: Wiscasset, Minneapolis, Kennebunk, Alamo

The Committee talked about whether or not we would like to have the brochures in color or sepia – antiquity look?

The Committee liked the Wiscasset brochure the best with the color map and perhaps sepia around the edges where the photos are for each of the sites.

Wiscasset survived epidemics, war, economic booms and depressions, in a world of increasing speed and advancing technology. Yet through it all, we remained true to our Yankee roots.

The early settlers would be astonished to see us now. We see a town of over 3,000 with some of the most architecturally significant structures in New England.

We are proud of our richly varied past and our triumph over adversity. Our forefathers would approve of our generous Maine hospitality as we invite you to stroll through our village streets. You, too, are now part of our story and we welcome you.

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A historical walking tour of the Town of Wiscasset.

Welcome to
WISCASSET, MAINE

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The land on which you stand has been inhabited for thousands of years. The earliest known residents were the Red Paint People, a pre-historic group of Native Americans.

The first Europeans arrived near here in 1607. They established fishing and trading communities. Over time, European settlers took more and more land from the native tribes. King Phillip's War of 1675 began a series of brutal and bloody wars that wiped out all English settlements north of York for over 50 years.

By the mid-18th century, a group of wealthy Boston investors called the Kennebec Proprietors claimed the land and incorporated it as the town of Pownallborough. Wiscasset was incorporated as a separate town in 1802.

Wiscasset's golden age began at the end of the American Revolution and lasted until the Jeffersonian Embargo of 1807. We were a thriving, sophisticated seaport with trading ships sailing all over the world.

Shipping continued to be an important source of income for Wiscasset through the nineteenth century, but ship building moved away to deeper harbors closer to the ocean. By the end of the Civil War, ships had gotten too big for our harbor and business moved on.

By 1900, Wiscasset had become a popular summer destination for city dwellers fleeing the dirt and disease of the cities. Some of these visitors purchased the grand old houses as summer homes for their families. Year-round residents enjoyed a quiet village life.

1 CASTLE TUCKER 1807

2 WOOD-FORTH HOUSE 1812-1824

3 LINCOLN AND KENNEDY BANK 1806

4 LEA, FISHBURN-SMITH HOUSE 1792

5 MEETING HOUSE 1787, REBUILT 1840, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 1907

6 LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1824

7 THE COMMON

8 SMITH-JOHNSON-NEAL HOUSE 1806

9 BAKER-TUCKER HOUSE 1803

10 ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1823

11 WISCASSET ACADEMY 1807

12 OCTAGON HOUSE 1858

13 OLD LINCOLN COUNTY JAIL - 1811

14 STACY HOUSE c. 1825
ALLEN HOUSE - 1904
WISCASSET INN - 1920

15 NICKELS-SORTWELL HOUSE - 1897

16 BELTON HOUSE, 1892
SANDEN GARDEN, 1904

17 LOWER MAIN STREET AND WISCASSET BRIDGE 1847-1938

18 RUSSELLY BLOCK 1872

19 WARRENCK BLOCK - 1858

20 DOWNTOWN STORES c. 1892

21 K.H.L. TAYLOR STORE IN 1882

22 THE WISCASSET, WATERVILLE & FARMINGTON RAILWAY

23 HEDDER AND LITTLE LETTER 1932

24 RICHARD III 1809

25 HAGGITT'S GARAGE 1911

26 CUSTOM HOUSE 1878

27 WISCASSET SAILING VESSELS

28 SUNDAY SAILING PARTY c. 1900

29 WISCASSET'S RAILROAD 1849 - 2013

HOURS
CASTLE TUCKER: June 1-Oct 15, Wed.-Sun. 11:00 - Last tour at 4:00
NICKELS-SORTWELL HOUSE: June 1-Oct 15, Fri. - Sun. 11:00 - Last tour at 4:00
MUSEUM AND OLD JAIL: June 1 - Oct 6, Sat. - Sun. 12-4

- *Review brochure content*

Name of the Sponsors should be included on the brochures...using the Wiscasset sample, the Sponsors should be included on the inside page on the right as you open the brochure. The Committee did not want to include logos on the brochure for space reasons and because it makes it look tacky. The names of committee members should be included on the back (where the logos are on the Wiscasset brochure) as well as those who have helped with the project: Harmon Museum, DPW, OOBHS Students, OPA, Library, Town Office, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

The Committee did not like a brochure that had too much writing on it.

- *Cost discussion: Printing/Quantity*

The Committee discussed printing copies of the brochure and placing them in the octagon-shaped kiosk in the square. There is also a kiosk in Memorial Park where one might be able to be located.

We can also post the brochure on our website and Facebook page.

Demi had a printing contact for brochures who we will reach out to.

ITEM 2: Preliminary Discussion on Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- *Preliminary date*

June 14th at 5:00PM.

- *Where will it be*

Location should be at the introductory panel in front of where Slyders used to be.

- *What will we have available*

Ribbon and scissors from the Chamber of Commerce.

Contact the Press, Channel 8, Channel 13, Students, DPW, PD, FD, Council, Louise and Larry, etc.

Megan will check with Patrick to see if we can pick the panels up rather than waiting for them to be shipped out on June 6th.

ITEM 3: Discussion about Table at June 16th Event

- *What will we include at the table*

Amy has 2 trifolds that students prepared that she's willing to allow us to use for the event.

We are hoping to have brochures in time for the event.

- *Any volunteers to sit at the table and talk about the project*

We are still looking for 2 volunteers: 1 to sit at the table and 1 to walk people around to some of the panels and talk about them. Would students be willing to do this?

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Committee talked about holding a Haunted Walk annually in October to continue to raise funds for brochures and any repairs to panels.