

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Office
March 28, 2024**

Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Sandy Davis, Steve Hope, Leon McCorkle, John Stolecki, John Stotz

Also present: G. Walsh

The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm.

Minutes

Davis requested an amendment in the last paragraph of the February 29 meeting minutes. The following amendment was made: ~~“The next meeting will be held Monday, March 11 @ 5pm at the Town Office.”~~ Amendment: The March 11 meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting was held on March 28 @ 5pm at the Town Office.” The minutes were approved with the amendments.

Housekeeping

On a motion by Benner and seconded by Davis, all approved Stolecki as committee chair. On a motion by Benner and a second by Davis, all approved Ball as committee vice-chair.

Harbormaster Reports

Ball reported the RPVIS dinghy dock was finished and ready for the floats to be hooked up. Calls have increased due to harbor and mooring questions.

Hope reported mostly quiet harbors. The Gosnold Arms lost a third dock on a high tide with strong winds about a week ago. A marine contractor barge is partly obstructing the ramp at New Harbor Landing.

Stolecki reported quiet harbors. A marine contractor barge is bottomed out at Hanna Landing. An excavator is needed to lift the barge but local roads have been posted for heavy loads and the contractor has been unable to get the excavator to Hanna Landing.

Emergency Action Plan

MacCorkle shared his ideas on what should be included in an Emergency Action Plan.

- Framework needed
- Contractual agreement with a preferred contractor
- Scheduled oversight of the event using rotation through committee members
- Use information from the submitted invoices to determine standard rates

Davis suggested that contractors be invited to a meeting to help with determining standard rates. All agreed with this, and contractors will be invited to a future meeting.

Dumpster Cans

It was agreed to place an additional dumpster at the New Harbor landing. Update: A few days after the meeting, Hope contacted Bizarro to report the extra dumpster would not be needed.

Derelict Dock

The dock at 021-055-A is still in a state of disrepair and presents danger to the harbor if it were to collapse. The committee would like the Select Board to deem the fish house portion of the dock a dangerous building. Committee members will attend the next Select Board meeting on April 3. Update: A few days later the owner of the dock called to report the dock was collapsing. Hope and a local marine contractor were able to temporarily stabilize the dock. The owner has contracted with another marine contractor to remove the dock and fish house. This work should be completed within a couple of months.

Town Landing Use

Stotz would like to pursue blocking town landing access to contractors who do not follow the Harbor and Landing Ordinance as well as disregard signs posted at the landings. Stolecki will reach out to DMR Warden Nelligan for information on how to enforce the use of landings.

New Harbor Landing

A Harbor Management and Access grant is available through MEDACFs Submerged Lands Program. Improvements planned at New Harbor landing qualify for this grant. Bizarro will pursue the opportunity and be in touch with Benner or Hope for project specifications.

Harbors/Moorings Miscellaneous

On a motion by Stolecki and seconded by Stotz, all approved the purchase of two (2) No Wake buoys for Round Pond. Benner will make a stand so they sit upright when in the water.

Numbered mooring tags have been distributed to most of the local marine contractors. These need to be attached to the mooring block when contractors bring them up for inspection. Benner thought it a good idea to add language to the Harbor and Landing Ordinance making the numbered tags mandatory for all moorings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 25 11 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary