

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol Town Hall  
January 11, 2024**

*Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Sandy Davis, Steve Hope, Leon MacCorkle, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz*

*Also present: M. Chase, D. Dodge, S. Hagar, C. Hanna, C. Leeman, H. Leeman, K. Martin, L. Martin, NHMC, K. Poland, G. Sawyer, Williams family, P. Yates*

The meeting was called to order at 4:40pm.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Poland and a second by Hope, minutes from November 30 were approved unanimously.

**Harbormaster Reports**

Ball reported Round Pond harbor had a fair amount of storm damage. A dock and shed were floating and Ball was able to tie them off in the woods. The Town Landing dock lifted and the crib was broken. Other large docks in the harbor have damage but are still standing. Two cottages were lifted and were twisted out of place. Two skiffs were found floating around. Ball is receiving lots of calls for rides out to the islands.

Hope reported catastrophic damage in New Harbor from the storm. Every wharf, dock and structure had severe damage and some at a total loss. The event has been chronicled extensively through photos, social media and news organizations.

Stolecki reported the wharf at the state park had severe storm damage. The wharf was completely lifted and is no longer pinned to the pilings. There was little damage at Hanna Landing.

**Wait List Procedure**

Specifications for mooring renewals and waitlist procedures were reviewed. Wording for the due date of mooring application and fees; reference to Bristol's mooring field map; and waitlist applications guidelines were discussed, and final wording determined. The draft document is available on file at the Town Office.

**Mooring Inspections/Marine Contractors**

Several ordinances from other towns with specific language about mooring standards, inspections and using town approved mooring inspectors were reviewed and discussed. The committee recognized both pros and cons of endorsing marine contractors for inspection work. It was decided there wasn't enough time to make any changes to Bristol's ordinance in time for the March town meeting. The item will remain on future agendas.

**Public Comment**

Hagar offered his services for cleaning up after the storm and is available to help with filing claims or answering questions. He encouraged everyone to document all aspects of the clean up process for FEMA reporting. Members of the public from New Harbor had questions about filing claims with FEMA, next steps with the clean up process, and permitting procedures to rebuild docks, wharfs and buildings damaged or lost. They were encouraged to contact the Town Office and CEO for guidance on permitting and any questions about clean up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 25 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro  
Harbor Committee Secretary