Harbor Committee Bristol Town Hall January 24, 2019

Committee members present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki Also present: S. Davis, C. Hall, C. Hanna, C. Pendleton, L. Sargent

The meeting started promptly after the public hearing which was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Poland and seconded by Ball & Caron, the minutes from October 25 were approved unanimously.

Budget.

Hanna and Hall reviewed the recent auditor's report and shared the auditor's recommendation. On a motion by Caron and seconded by Stolecki, it was unanimously approved to recommend to the Selectmen to transfer \$35,000 from the Harbor budge account to Harbor capital reserve. An additional \$5,000 may be appropriated to the capital reserve at Town Meeting.

New Harbor Landing.

In the winter months, floats are stored at New Harbor landing and the Parks Department collects an annual storage fee for each float. This year, due to lack of space, the float hauler was unable to store them at the landing and was forced to store the floats at his shop. Pendleton estimated the Parks Dept. lost about \$1,000 of revenue because of this. He pointed out that there were numerous boats being stored at the landing, several on trailers, and not only did they take up space they blocked access to the float storage area. The Parks Dept. had cleared the float storage area the previous year. He wondered if there was a fee charged for boat storage. Hope replied that traditionally storage fees were not collected on boats because the boat owners normally paid mooring fees. Hope recognized that there were more boats stored at the landing this year than previous years.

Stolecki commented on the ever increasing demand on the same amount of space and suggested that the Parks Dept. and the Harbor Comm. share the cost of gravel for the float storage area and to continue sharing the maintenance costs of the landing. All agreed. Pendleton requested that the harbor committee be responsible for the removal of the trailered boats and to possibly come up with a boat storage policy. All agreed that a float storage space of 20 x 60 should be sufficient.

Harbormaster Reports.

Round Pond.

Two commercial boats are still using the Harbor. Ball received a concern about these moorings dragging and causing damage to other moorings.

Pemaguid.

The usual sailboat has been left in Upper Pemaquid River for the winter. Stolecki reported he had received a call regarding a legislative bill on clam flat research.

New Harbor.

All quiet.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm. The next meeting will be held February 14, 2019 following the 6pm Public Hearing. Agenda to include: boat storage at NH Landing, update from NHMC on Hanna Landing.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Bizarro