

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
January 26, 2023**

*Present: Troy Benner, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz
Also present: S. Davis, C. Hanna, B. Holladay*

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Housekeeping

Three applications have been received for the vacant position on the committee. The committee will review the applications and make a final recommendation to the Select Board. The new member will be appointed immediately after Town Meeting.

Harbormaster Reports

Stolecki reported quiet harbors in Pemaquid. There were a few mooring balls left out.

Hope reported quiet harbors in New Harbor. There has been a request for storage at New Harbor landing. Midcoast Marine Contractors have asked to store a barge there over several months. Hope approved the storage.

Derelict Docks

Hope and Stolecki reported three docks in disrepair.

The dock located at Map 021-Lot 055-A, roughly 10,000 sq. ft with buildings covering about 50% of its surface, is in overall bad shape and there have been reports of pieces breaking off and going afloat in the harbor. Concern lies with two fuel tanks, one located outside and one inside. Hope and Stolecki visited the homeowner but there was no one home. They will send a letter to the owner outlining their concerns and an offer to aid in communications with state agencies. The dock will need to be removed or stabilized as soon as possible for liability purposes. Hope and Stolecki were unsure what state agency would oversee this but stated the town has some responsibility.

The dock located at Map 020-Lot 042 is in total disrepair and has not been used for many years. The property is currently for sale. Hope noted the dock hung over a fuel line connected to the next door restaurant.

The dock located at Map 04C-Lot 005 had pieces break off during a big storm in December. Stolecki reported the owners have done some work to stabilize the dock and fish house and felt it wasn't a threat at this time. He will monitor the situation.

Boat Airbnb

Holladay shared his plan to provide a weekly rental upon his 43 ft cabin cruiser. The boat sleeps 4 and is fitted with metered low-flow toilets and showers. Holladay will supply the boat rental with fresh water and dump the black water at a local campground. Any gray water would be pumped overboard. The boat owner does not have his own mooring and is using a mooring of a local marine contractor.

Concerns were voiced about gray water being pumped overboard, the availability of the boat owner if situations arose, reactions from riparian owners, and parking and trash at Hanna Landing.

Mooring Registrations

Bizarro reported about 65% of mooring owners successfully registered their moorings using onlinemooring.com. All acknowledged that onlinemooring.com had many quirks but believed it would get easier as everyone, administrators and users, got more familiar to the system.

New Harbor Landing

Benner reported he was getting a quote for trimming shrubs at the landing and he suggested a new culvert was needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. The next meeting will be held on February 23 at 5pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary