

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol School Gymnasium  
February 25, 2021**

*Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz*

*Also present: Zach Stotz*

The meeting was called to order at 5:03.

**Minutes.**

On a motion by Poland and seconded by Caron, the minutes from February 11 were approved unanimously.

**Ordinance Discussion.**

New Harbor Landing

- Commercial Water Access. Wording for ordinance: Commercial water access shall always be available on a continuing basis at New Harbor Landing. Stolecki moved, Ball seconded, all approved.
- Commercial Boat Storage – long term. Benner proposed 8-month, long term boat storage for vessels meeting the following requirements: must be commercial and unable to be easily transported across public ways/roads as defined by the Harbor Master. Definition of commercial: owner of vessel receives over half of their income from commercial vessel. Long term storage only allowed in designated area. Vessel will be moved at owner's expense if found in violation. The charge for long term commercial boat storage will be \$10/foot for the 8-month period. Requests for storage will be on a first come, first served basis. Moved by Stolecki, seconded by Benner, all approved.
- Commercial Boat Storage – maintenance. Allowed in areas that do not interfere with access to the ramp, long term commercial boat storage and commercial float storage.
- Commercial Boat Storage – emergency storm usage. Any available space for the duration of the storm.
- Recreational Water Access. No changes.
- Bristol Fire & Rescue services. No changes.
- Float Storage – winter. Commercial floats only allowed in designated storage area only. Area to be managed by the Parks Dept. Floats must be moved to designated area immediately after hauling and are prohibited from any other area on the landing.
- Vehicle Storage. No overnight parking, daytime parking is allowed as long as the vehicles does not interfere with ramp access and designated boat and float storage areas. Moved by Benner, seconded by Hope, 6 in favor, 1 opposed.
- Transport of product. Remove from list as it is covered under commercial water access. Moved by Benner, seconded by Hope, all approved.
- Management responsibility. Commercial float storage area, Parks Dept.; rest of landing, Harbor Committee. Moved by Benner, seconded by Poland, all approved.

- Parking at all landings. Benner would like to have no overnight parking on any landing. The RPVIS does not allow overnight parking. LCSO will call Ball if they see a car parked there.
- A sign is needed at the New Harbor Landing to not block the ramp.
- Benner drew up divisions for float and long-term boat storage at New Harbor Landing on a survey map. The committee agreed with the lines of division.
- The above definition of commercial will apply to boats and floats. The float owner will need to earn more than half of their income commercially. The committee is unsure if any regulations are required for commercial water access but the usage list for New Harbor Landings does list recreational water access.
- In response to a question about private businesses conducting business on town landings, Benner thought it had more to do with water access than supporting private businesses. Hope thought it important to have water access for businesses as the availability of shorefront is decreasing.
- All float maintenance and float construction need to be done in the designated float storage areas.

### **Penalties.**

It was suggested that if any float or boat are found outside the designated storage area, they will be immediately moved to the Transfer Station at the owner's or float hauler's expense. And can be retrieved when these expenses are paid. It was questioned whether they should be hauled away or maybe just a fine levied.

The following items were tabled until opinion is received from the Town's attorney:

Can individual privileges of the Town Landings be revoked?

Can fines and costs be recouped when a derelict float/boat is taken to Transfer Station?

Can fines and costs be recouped if float/boat left outside of designated storage area?

Currently at New Harbor Landing, a float in bad condition has been left near the designated area but very close to the road and another float in good condition has been left outside of the designated float storage area near the ramp. A motion made by Poland to move both floats to the Transfer Station when possible (as they are frozen to the ground) was seconded by Caron, all approved. Hope will contact the Transfer Station manager. A motion made by Stolecki for the fine to be equal to twice the hauling fee was seconded by Ball, all approved.

### **Harbor Master Reports.**

New Harbor. Quiet.

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Round Pond. Ball has been informed by a local marine contractor that a dock and float system will be constructed in the harbor. The system will utilize three or more floats. It was suggested the marine contractor ask the property owner for valid permits before starting the work. The contractor did tell the property owner that the town landings are at capacity for winter float storage. Bizarro reported the CEO said he didn't have any new dock permits on file for Round Pond.

**LD 101.**

Stolecki does not agree with the legislative bill. He agrees with Governor Mill's 10 year moratorium and thinks wind power research is important. He pointed out this was his opinion and not the opinion of the committee.

Stotz agrees with the legislative bill. He thinks the wind power projects could change the character of the coast of Maine and he is concerned with displacement of fishing gear near the cable and wind power structures.

Stolecki wondered if the Harbor Committee has the right to respond for the town. It was decided to take a vote on whether to support LD 101. If the vote is affirmative, then the matter will be taken to the Selectmen as whether the Harbor Committee should support the bill. A motion for the Harbor Committee to send an email in support of LD 101 was made by Stotz, seconded by Benner with 5 in favor and 2 opposed.

**Miscellaneous.**

All members agreed to serve another year on the committee. All agreed to have Zach Stotz appointed as an alternate member.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. The next meeting will be held on March 11 at 5pm at the Town Office. Agenda items to include: Town Landing Ordinance, penalties and fines.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro  
Harbor Committee Secretary