

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol Town Hall  
April 22, 2021**

*Present: Robert Ball, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz  
Also present: Alex Beaudet, Leon MacCorkle*

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

**Minutes.**

On a motion by Poland and a second by Hope, the minutes of March 25 were approved unanimously.

**Harbor Master Reports.**

New Harbor. Hope reported the errant float has been removed from New Harbor Landing. The New Harbor Co-op took possession of the float. He also reported that Benner moved Gifford's boat.

Round Pond. Ball reported an extension and replacement of an existing dock/float system off the Harding Road.

Pemaquid. Stolecki reported the floats at Hanna landing had been installed and commended RPMS for a job well done. He noted there were several new dock/float systems in the upper portion of the river.

**Revoked Mooring.**

The committee reviewed correspondence from revoked mooring owner RP 85. The mooring owner had requested an amendment to the 03/11/2021 Harbor Committee minutes. There was discussion about the conversation between Stolecki, Ball and the mooring owner at the 04/21/2021 Selectmen's meeting. On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Poland, all agreed to leave the 03/11/2021 Harbor Committee minutes as written.

**Float Storage.**

Stolecki reported that he had attended the 04/21/2021 Selectmen's meeting to discuss float storage at the Town's landings. He felt the problem at hand was enforcement. The contracts in place between the Parks Department and local marine contractors as well as the current Harbor Ordinance were sufficient documents. He questioned whether it made sense to create another ordinance if the current contracts and ordinance are not being enforced. The Selectmen agreed with Stolecki and suggested that all float storage be removed from the landings. It was noted that any float repairs/maintenance would be allowed at the landings. Selectmen supported the suspension of the Harbor Committee working on a town landing ordinance.

The following is the recommendation to the Selectmen on float and boat storage at the Town's Landings: All float storage (commercial and recreational) will no longer be allowed at the Town's landings except the Hanna Landing floats which are owned by the Town. Boat storage will only be allowed at New Harbor Landing for boats that cannot be easily moved. Motion by

Poland, second by Caron, 6 in favor, 1 opposed. Stolecki explained his opposition vote on removing float storage: Float storage is a resource that people have come to rely on, and this resource may be taken away due to the actions (or non-actions in some cases) of one marine contractor. Use of harbors and landings are for the convenience of all people in town.

#### **Miscellaneous.**

Bizarro asked if the committee would be willing to allocate funds from their budget to file the Thompson and Brown's Cove Landing surveys at the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds. On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Caron, all approved.

Stolecki mentioned a conversation he had with S. Lackovic, Shellfish Committee Chair, concerning warden services. The Shellfish Committee is looking into hiring a new Shellfish Warden and Lackovic thought he may be willing to do Harbor Warden services as well.

#### **Public comments.**

Beaudet circulated pictures of damage to his boat while tied up at Hanna Landing in the fall of 2020. Beaudet first brought the issue to the Committee in October 2020 but unfortunately the committee did not make a ruling and the matter was forgotten. As the damage to the boat was quite substantial the committee asked him how long the boat had been left unattended at the landing. Beaudet maintained that he regularly used and checked on the boat two to three times a week. He stated there were metal plates that stuck out of the floats and the damage occurred from the boat rubbing on the metal plates. He believed someone moved the boat as he had successfully stayed away from them all summer. Beaudet confirmed he had no insurance on the boat and requested the boat be repaired at no cost to him. MacCorkle suggested the minimum cost to fix the boat is \$1500, wondered if the boat was worth that amount and stated the boat would not be the same cosmetically. Stolecki mentioned the floats at Hanna Landing are "Use at Own Risk" and suggested the Selectmen be a part of the conversation. Stolecki said the metal parts had been removed when the floats were launched earlier this spring. The matter was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. The next meeting will be held on May 27 at 5pm at the Bristol Town Office. Agenda items to include: Town Landing Ordinance - Moxie Cove Landing (pending attorney opinion), violations and fines (pending attorney opinion), boat damage at Hanna Landing.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Bizarro  
Harbor Committee Secretary