Harbor Committee Bristol Town Hall April 23, 2020

Committee members present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

Minutes

On a motion by Poland and seconded by Caron, the minutes from February 26, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Dock & Float Notification.

Ball noted that three floats had been added to an existing dock in Round Pond Harbor. He requested that the town's CEO notify Harbormasters of any new docks/floats or additions to existing docks/floats. There was discussion of the ACOE permitting process and the town's permitting process. Stolecki will contact the town's CEO to find out what the permitting process is and to see if the recent addition of floats at the dock in Round Pond Harbor was permitted.

Harbormaster Reports

Ball reported that a property owner on Northern Point anchored a boat in the harbor. Ball told them the boat needed to be removed and they would be held responsible for any damage to mooring lines occurred from the boat not being properly anchored. The property owner hauled the boat out.

Ball reported he had talked with RPMS and they were going to put the floats in at Hanna Landing on April 24. The dates on the contract were May 1 to May 15. After discussion, Harbormaster Stolecki and the committee approved the action.

Stolecki reported the old Hanna Landing float was still at Hanna Landing. RPMS had offered to remove it. Stolecki will follow up with the offer to have it removed. Hope reported all quiet.

Moorings.

Ball raised the concern of mooring rentals in Round Pond. There are a handful of mooring owners who are not residents of the town nor do they own property and they are renting out their moorings each season. Ball currently has about 11 Bristol residents on the waiting list for Round Pond. Stolecki noted the current ordinance allows for those moorings to be reassigned if the boat information supplied on the application is not accurate after one year. It was also pointed out that mooring holders who are renting out their moorings are liable for any damage occurred to or by the boat on the mooring.

The amount of time between mooring inspections was discussed. Everyone agreed no more than 5 years between inspections and the hardware should be checked every 3 years at a minimum. As each harbor has different environmental conditions, discretion will be left to the Harbormasters. The letter sent out to rejected applicants was reviewed. It was requested to add the line "Mooring is not to be used until inspected."

Town Landings

There were no new reports as to how the surveying was going on Thompson Landing and Brown's Cove. Rachel will contact Coastal Land Surveying to get an update.

Benner attended the March 3rd Parks meeting to discuss float storage at New Harbor Landing. The Commissioners will talk to the float haulers and remind them that floats are not to be left on the ramps or in the middle of the landings. Going forward, landings will be monitored by Harbor Committee members and Parks employees.

Miscellaneous

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm. The next meeting will be held May 28, 2020 @ 5pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Bizarro