

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
April 27, 2023**

Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Sandy Davis, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz

Also present: S. Lackovic, C. Williams

The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm.

Minutes

On a motion by Poland and a second by Benner, the minutes of March 23 were passed unanimously.

Harbor Master Reports

Hope reported quiet harbors.

Ball reported quiet harbors and berths are filling up slowly. Ball does have a commercial berth available but only recreational users are on the Round Pond waitlist. The state continues to seek funding for the removal of the Columbia.

Stolecki reported quiet harbors. RPMS has installed the ramp and floats at Hanna Landing. The two-year contract for Hanna Landing floats has expired. RPMS will be asked if they are interested in another contract and a proposal will be requested. Stolecki noted many mooring balls were left on over the winter months.

Abandoned Float

The abandoned float at the Transfer Station will be posted in the LCN for bid purchase.

Derelict Docks

Davis thoroughly researched possible solutions for the derelict docks. He determined that responsibility lies solely with the owner of the dock. He did not find any funding available to property owners for removal/stabilization of docks and the state's Working Waterfront program is available but wouldn't provide any great relief. Davis did reach out to the Island Institute and they thought there is a possibility of Federal funding for removal/stabilization. The Island Institute offered to inspect each dock when convenient.

All agreed to forward Davis' information to the dock owners as well as a letter requesting follow up reports as their work progressed on removal/stabilization of their docks.

Mooring Renewals

Bizarro reported that all renewals and a flyer about mooring workshops have been sent. Late notices from 2022 were also sent.

Mooring Fields

Williams offered to help Stotz with exporting the mapping data to a thumb drive. The mooring fields could then be printed at the Town Office.

Public Comment

Lackovic was interested on learning any information about the boat that will be used as a rental in the Upper Pemaquid River. As Chair of the Shellfish Committee, he is concerned with gray/black water discharge and possible pollution affecting harvest areas. The committee assured him they are not in favor of the idea and will continue to monitor the usage of the boat over the summer months.

Lackovic shared examples of moratoriums on aquaculture and other shore/harbor uses being proposed in other towns. Many coastal towns are creating moratoriums to have some control on how their shoreland is used.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 25 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary