

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol Town Hall  
May 3, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.

**Harbormaster Reports.**

Round Pond. Ball reported that residents from Loud's Island have contacted Prock Marine for removal of the Columbia. The Columbia was moved from Bremen to the northeast side of the island several years ago. The island residents are applying for a grant to help with the costs. If additional funds are needed above the grant request, Bremen, Bristol and Waldoboro will be asked to contribute. The expected cost is around \$100K. It's unknown if the Columbia is leaking oil.

A newly incorporated local marine contractor has work on Marsh Island and has not been following the tie-up rules at the Round Pond landing.

New Harbor. Several commercial boats have increased in size over the last few years, and it's rumored more are planning on "going bigger". The committee agreed that a solution is needed. ACOE has not committed to re-dredging New Harbor until floats/ramps that encroach the dredging field are removed. As boat sizes increase and outgrow mooring berths, the harbor boundaries stay the same and the end result is a finite amount of space. There is no guarantee that a mooring space will be available if the size of a boat is increased.

Mooring owner NH57 has increased the size of his boat (from 32' to 44') and no longer fits his assigned berth without causing obstruction to his mooring neighbors. Owner NH 45 offered the use of his mooring which is in the outer harbor near the Hardy Boat. In the new location the boat's tailgate had contact with the pennant of mooring owner NH 25. Chains were shortened on both moorings and so far, so good. It is unclear if the Hardy Boat will be affected by the tailgate. The new boat owner would like NH 25 to move his mooring and has offered to pay the costs but there is little room for NH 25 to move to. It is unclear if the owner of NH 45 wants to give up his mooring berth to the new boat owner. Benner has offered the use of his mooring in Back Cove. NH 25 was willing to switch his mooring location with NH 57 but then a mooring berth would be lost.

John made a motion that a letter be sent to every mooring owner in New Harbor and invited to a meeting with the Harbor Committee on Thursday May 19 at the New Harbor Fire Station. Ball seconded. All passed. Notices will be posted at Dee's, Reilly's and Fairwind.

Pemaquid. Quiet.

**Float impoundment.**

Stolecki consulted with an attorney from Kelly, Remmel & Zimmerman specializing in maritime law. The attorney felt the float impoundment at the Transfer Station was a land-based matter and could be prosecutable through the District Attorney's office. He did advise that mooring privileges could be denied because the float hauler had not paid the invoice in full. To be prosecuted through the DA's office, a complaint needs to be filed with LCSO which Stolecki did with Lt. Brendan Kane. Kane said he would review the float impoundment at the Transfer Station and get back to Stolecki. Documentation with timelines should be kept of all actions involving the float impoundment.

**GPS Mooring Survey.**

Stolecki and Stotz reported the success of mapping Pemaquid River with Stotz' mapping equipment. Dropping pins and measuring for the next mooring worked well. Stolecki reported good definition of depth, space and markings on bottom. Stotz will work to move the information to another format so it can be shared.

**Committee Business.**

All approved a late fee of \$25. A late fee will be charged if the mooring is registered after the renewal deadline each year. In 2022, the renewal deadline is September 30. This is an extension to the normal June 30 deadline due to the new mooring registration system.

All approved a \$25 fee per year to remain on the waitlist.

All approved the \$2050 invoice from RPMS for float installation and repairs at Hanna Landing. Bizarro was asked to contact RPMS to see if they would sign another 2-year contract.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be held on May 19 at the New Harbor Fire Station. Agenda item: Increased boat sizes in New Harbor

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro  
Harbor Committee Secretary