

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
May 28, 2020**

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

Absent: Troy Benner, Jack Tedrow

Also present: Neill De Paoli

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Minutes

On a motion by Ball and seconded by Hope, the minutes from April 23, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Lobster Boat Races.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Olde Bristol Days has been cancelled for 2020. The lobster boat race organizer, Sheila McLain, has expressed interest in still having the race but without spectators. Town Administrator, Chris Hall, forwarded the issue to the Harbor Committee for guidance on whether the races should be cancelled.

The manager of Colonial Pemaquid State Park, Neil De Paoli would like the races to be cancelled. His concerns include the following: controlling the number of spectators without LCSO's help (currently a 50-person limitation, due to Covid-19), the ability to social distance on the pier, and the health and safety of his staff. In general, De Paoli supports the races and he welcomes them back next year. He was unsure if McLain has obtained a permit to hold the race. Stolecki commented that the Harbormaster/committee have no authority in the matter as the races are not held in a mooring field but in the channel. Committee members agreed that the lobster boat races should be cancelled for 2020. They also noted that this was the first time they'd been asked for an opinion on the races.

De Paoli will contact Marine Patrol to get their opinion and he and his supervisor, Gary Best, would have a final decision in a few days.

Mooring Permits.

It was decided that the GPS Coordinates on the mooring applications are optional information to provide. It was noted the information was more helpful for mooring owners in case they need to find their mooring.

Dock & Float Notification.

Follow up for dock/float permits. Stolecki emailed the CEO. CEO stated he would notify Stolecki anytime a permit is issued. Ball reported that a new dock was going in on Northern Point and he wanted to know where it would be located. Stolecki will contact CEO about Northern Point.

Harbormaster Reports

New Harbor. Hope received several calls for "lost" moorings, but all were eventually found. NHMC has shared their concern about the amount of storage available for floats and thought boats being stored at the landing should be moved.

Round Pond. Ball may delay having a drone video taken of the mooring field due to less boats in the harbor (Covid-19).

Pemaquid. RPMS launched and installed floats at Hanna Landing. Additional work was needed to repair the ramp and dock attachment. Stolecki and RPMS did a thorough check of chains and attached all chains from floats to moorings. The committee voted a pre-approval for the invoice RPMS will be submitting to cover the extra work.

Miscellaneous

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm. The next meeting will be held June 25, 2020 @ 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary