

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
June 29, 2017**

Committee members present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, Jack Tedrow
Also present: Chad Hanna; Chris Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. There were no amendments to the agenda and no public comments.

Minutes.

On a motion made by Benner and seconded by Poland, the minutes from 05/25/2017 were approved unanimously.

Maintenance Responsibilities.

Chad Hanna, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, attended at the invitation of the Committee to discuss the division of responsibilities for maintenance at Hanna Landing in particular, and by extension to other town-owned public landing facilities in the Town. Selectmen had proposed a three-way division whereby the Harbor Committee would be responsible for piers and floats; the Parks and Recreation Commission for onshore maintenance; and the town office would take care of the storage building.

In discussion, Hanna pointed out that the Selectmen are simply seeking to delineate responsibility among the appropriate Town bodies. He noted that the Harbor Committee is not limited to its own revenue (as is the Parks Commission), but can request funding from the Town's contingency budget line or from Town Meeting for major expenses.

Members discussed, without conclusion, whether the Harbor Committee should take over responsibility for (and revenue from) float storage; and whether to charge contractors for use of the dock. Members expressed concern that the Committee could be liable for major unforeseen expenditures in the event, for example, of storm or collision damage to the dock. Hanna suggested two options in the event that insurance would not cover such an event: asking the Town Meeting for repair funds, or voting funds at each Town meeting for a capital reserve fund for Harbors and Landings under the Committee's control.

Hanna reported that the 'missing' \$5,000 remaining from the closed Columbia account was in fact transferred to a reserve account and is still available; he also committed that the Town Office will in future submit all invoices to the Committee for review before payments are made from the Harbors account.

After Hanna left, it was moved by Caron, seconded by Poland, that the Harbor Committee accept responsibility for maintaining Town facilities below the high water mark, subject to:

- (1) A warrant article at future Town Meetings requesting \$5,000 for the Harbors and Landings Capital Reserve Fund, annually until decided otherwise by the Committee; such Reserve Fund to be under the control of the Harbor Committee; and,
- (2) Capital expenditures remain the responsibility of the Town as a whole, until such time as the Harbors and Landings Capital Reserve Fund has built up the capacity to support such expenditures.

Motion passed 7 – 0.

Harbormaster reports:

New Harbor – all quiet.

Pemaquid Harbor – all quiet.

Round Pond: Ball reported that newer 1/2" mooring chains, made cheaply in China, were found to have failed after six years or less. This led to a discussion as to whether to require inspection of such chains, and the difficulty of enforcement. It was noted that Bremen now require inspections, at the expense of the owner. No decision taken.

Invoices:

It was moved by Stolecki, seconded by Benner, to pay Invoice #460 from New Harbor Marine for setting a speed buoy at Round Pond. Passed 7 – 0.

Revenue and Expense Reports for 2016 and 2017 to date were reviewed and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 27 @ 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hall