

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
July 22, 2021**

Present: Robert Ball, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stotz

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Poland and a second by Hope, the minutes of June 24 were approved unanimously.

Harbormaster Reports.

New Harbor. Hope reported that an abandoned skiff had been removed and disposed of and that the landing was clear of debris and looking good. He requested new signs for the landing. One sign is to identify the landing. It will be similar to the one recently installed at Hanna Landing, and it will be ordered from Maine Print. The other sign will be used on the east side of the landing. It will read, "No Parking. Vehicles, Floats and Boats". The sign will be white with red lettering. The Highway Department will order this sign and install both signs.

Round Pond. Mooring owner RP 17 has an approved mooring for a 16' boat for the 2020-21 cycle. He has recently increased the size of his boat from 16' to 24'. The new boat size has caused spacing problems with surrounding moorings/boats. Ball offered owner RP 17 a different mooring location that the boat would fit in and the owner would be required to move his existing mooring rock and hardware to the new space. Stotz had received a call from owner RP 17 regarding a mooring inspection. Stotz and Ball wondered if this was for the new space that was being offered. Ball confirmed that RP 17 owner needed to move his mooring rock as the rock in the new location was classified as "other" on the last mooring application and Ball did not think it sufficient to hold a 24' boat.

Ball reported 40-50 moorings are not being used and that folks on the waiting list are upset. He would like the next mooring billing to state that the mooring must be used, or it will be re-assigned. The owner of a mooring that is considered commercial is selling his mooring for \$10K. Ball told him only the hardware is for sale not the location.

Ball noted that there were still floats that needed to be hooked up in Moxie Cove and Loud's Island. Currently, the demand for marine contracting work outweighs the services available.

Mooring Fields.

Bedell has agreed to take drone images of the Town's mooring fields. Ball thought it would be better if he did it later in the season with hope that more boats would be on their mooring. Stotz offered boat services to help Bedell if needed.

Proposed Aquaculture Lease.

A member of the Shellfish Committee approached Ball with concerns about a proposed oyster lease in the Upper Pemaquid River as he thought it might affect the mooring field. The Harbor Committee wondered what sort of impact this would have on nearby shellfish harvesting areas.

The committee reviewed the lease application. They noticed several omissions and incorrect answers on the application. The applicants had answered “no” to “Are there shellfish beds or fish migration routes in the surrounding area?” All thought the answer was incorrect as alewives, eels and smelts migrate and there are shellfish beds nearby. The notice was sent to Stolecki in his capacity as Harbor Master. The closing date for comments is August 21.

Miscellaneous.

Various committee members heard the same complaint of a local marine contractor billing for work not completed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be held on August 26 at 5pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary