

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol Town Hall  
August 24, 2023**

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

*Also present: Richard Francis*

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

**Minutes**

Minutes from June 22 and July 27 were approved unanimously.

**Harbormaster Reports**

Ball reported a lost kayak. He will continue to look for the owner. A skiff without a stern was also seen at the mouth of the harbor. He fielded a complaint from the sailing school about a local marine contractor who had hit several boats with a barge. The barge is 20' x 40' and is too large to be in the harbor when the mooring field is full of boats. Stolecki noted that a captain's license is needed to operate a barge.

Hope responded to a report of the Hardy Boat being adrift. The captain was called and confirmed the boat was attached to the mooring. He reported the fuel tank had been removed from the dock at 021-055-A. Repairs were being done to the dock on the NW side, but the East side needed work as well.

Stolecki reported that he is working through the waitlist for the Pemaquid area with success. He has fielded concerns about two lost/stolen moorings. Upon investigation it was determined that neither mooring had been registered with the town since 2019 and Stolecki was unable to help them. One mooring owner plans to hire a diver to recover the mooring rock. The other mooring owner has no definitive plans. A local marine contractor continues to mismark moorings and set them in the wrong positions.

Stolecki was contacted by the Fire Chief about a barge obstructing ramp access at the New Harbor landing.

**Report from DAs Office**

Stolecki reported the DA gave guidance on enforcement issues in the harbors. A set of bylaws or rules needs to be compiled and then made aware to the public, especially defiant local marine contractors. Once these bylaws are in place and made public, the ability to enforce them becomes much easier.

**2024 Ordinance Amendments**

Currently, there is no plan for ordinance amendments for the 2024 annual town meeting.

**Comprehensive Plan**

Francis, co-chair of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, gave a review of the comprehensive plan and process. The Comp Plan Committee has made a full inventory of the Town, analyzed the information, and have made recommendations based on research and public input. Francis read out loud the list of strategies and policies. Some of the strategies suggested are already being accomplished by the Harbor Committee and/or Harbormasters. Other strategies were not under the authority of the Harbor Committee but would be managed better by the Shellfish Committee. The Round Pond dredging project was briefly discussed, and Francis learned the project was eventually abandoned by the Town and ACOE several years ago. It was noted that the CPC did not contact any of the boatyards during the planning process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 28 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro  
Harbor Committee Secretary