

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
August 27, 2020**

Committee members present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, David Caron, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stotz, Jack Tedrow

Also present: Ted Derivan, Pemaquid Marine

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm

Minutes

On a motion by Ball and seconded by Poland, the minutes from May 28, June 25 and July 30 were approved unanimously.

Pemaquid River

Mooring owners in the lower portion of Pemaquid River are moving their moorings without authorization from the Harbormaster. This is causing space issues in the mooring field.

Derivan, owner of Pemaquid Marine, owns several moorings in LPR and uses them for his business and guest rentals. He expressed frustration with the current situation in LPR. He often will move his own boats/moorings to accommodate his customers as it is easier than tracking down the mooring or boat owner encroaching into his space.

He suggests that some sort of recording of mooring positions be taken this year so it could be used as a base year and then any future re-positioning of moorings could be tracked. Derivan offered any help that would be needed to alleviate the issue.

Ball pointed out that a mooring ball with no name or number is not a legal mooring and can be removed. A picture of the ball is mandatory for the next mooring cycle. The Harbor Committee had planned to have drone videos done of the harbors this summer, but it was postponed due to Covid-19.

Hanna Landing.

Various ideas for dinghy tie ups at Hanna Landing were discussed. They include the following: dinghy length and hp allowed at the Round Pond landing, organizing the dinghies by length, adding another float, using a lottery system like the state park and/or using signs.

Harbormaster Reports.

New Harbor. Hope reported assumptions of moorings being part of house sales. There was no new news to report on float storage at New Harbor landing. Benner stated that if floats are left on the landing for longer than one week they will be moved to the Transfer Station.

Round Pond. Ball is still not receiving dock/float notifications. The newest dock system is located on Northern Point and may extend into the harbor's channel when a boat is tied to it. Stolecki has had several conversations with the CEO. The committee is unsure of next steps. They will invite the CEO to a meeting or check with the Selectmen. Ball reported that RPVIS will be rebuilding both ramps at the Round Pond landing. The work is planned for September. Ball has been notified that a commercial mooring owner would like his spot to be used for recreational purposes. The Harbor Ordinance clearly states that this is not allowed. Ball got the impression the mooring owner was trying to sell the "spot". Ball reported there are two

moorings that are being rented in Round Pond harbor. On a motion by Poland and seconded by Benner it was unanimously approved to send a letter with a 30-day compliancy deadline to the two mooring owners. If the owners do not meet the deadline, next steps would include hauling the mooring out or dropping the ball and reassigning the mooring.

Brown's Cove / Thompson's Landing.

The Highway Department was unanimously nominated to mow, weedwhack and maintain these landings.

Miscellaneous

An invoice from NHMC was reviewed. No one was sure what the work was for or who had authorized it. They tabled the invoice until next meeting.

As town meeting finally ended on August 4, the Harbor Committee will be re-appointed at the next Selectmen's meeting. It was unanimously approved to have Ball, Benner, Caron, Hope, Poland, Stolecki and Stotz become full members. Tedrow will serve as an alternate.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. The next meeting will be held September 24, 2020 @ 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary