

**Harbor Committee  
Bristol Town Hall  
September 24, 2020**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

**Committee Housekeeping.**

Ball, Benner, Caron, Hope, Poland, Stolecki and Stotz were sworn in as Harbor Committee members.

On a motion by Ball and seconded by Poland, the committee unanimously agreed to re-appoint Stolecki as Chair and Caron as Vice-Chair.

**Minutes**

On a motion by Poland and seconded by Hope, the minutes from August 27 were approved unanimously.

**Mooring Fields.**

Discussion centered around various problems each harbor has with its mooring field. In many cases each mooring field is unique. Some of the more noticeable problems are as follows.

- LPR. Moorings are being moved by local marine contractors and mooring owners alike. The problem is exacerbated by moorings left empty from non-use.
- UPR. It is likely moorings are being moved but it is not noticeable because there is extra space.
- Stolecki wondered if it was lack of Harbormaster presence but Hope disagreed as it happens in his harbors and he's in and around the harbor on most days.
- MS. RPMS is taking care of most moorings in Muscongus Harbor. Ball finds it helpful as he is unable to spend much time there.
- The yachting population seems to be aging. This follows the same age demographics for Maine and Lincoln County.
- Drone pictures of all harbors. This will be scheduled for mid-summer 2021 when the boat population is highest. On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Benner, it was unanimously agreed to contact F. Bedell to take drone footage of all the harbors by July 1, 2021.
- GPS coordinates. There was discussion whether someone should be hired to set the GPS for all moorings. Or would it be something the harbor committee was responsible for. Benner noted that to maintain accuracy the same type of GPS device should be used.
- Chain information. Ball recognized that there is currently no way to determine if the chain information on the permit matches what is being used for the mooring. It was discussed as to whether local marine contractors could provide that information.
- Illegal moorings. The next mooring cycles will require each mooring holder to submit a picture of their ball. The ball must have the owner's name and mooring number. This will hopefully uncover any illegally placed moorings. Benner

suggested seizing the mooring ball and replacing with a small buoy with a Bristol tag for any illegal moorings.

- Stolecki noted that most people left the mooring rock in place when they no longer wanted the mooring space.
- Benner suggested wording for the ordinance to include inspection reports for moorings. Stolecki concurred, citing the committee should have specific inspection regulations with liability being placed on the mooring owner.
- Stolecki wondered when the town should consider a full-time Harbormaster.

### **Hanna Landing.**

On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Ball it was unanimously agreed to ask RPMS if they were interested in signing another contract for removing and installing the floats and ramp at Hanna Landing. Stolecki will contact RPMS to see if there is interest.

Limiting or organizing dinghy tie ups was tabled until the following year.

### **Harbormaster Reports.**

Round Pond. Ball pumped out a boat that had taken on water.

New Harbor. All quiet.

Pemaquid. Many of the boats tied up at Hanna Landing have gone.

### **Miscellaneous**

The invoice from NHMC was reviewed again. It was determined the invoice pertained to removal of a log in New Harbor and had been authorized indirectly by the Harbormaster. The dump fees listed on the invoice were questioned. Stolecki will contact the Transfer Station to find out if the log was taken there.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm. The next meeting will be held October 23, 2020 @ 5pm.

Agenda items to include: further discussion on harbors and mooring fields and organization and control of mooring inspections and hardware.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Bizarro

Harbor Committee Secretary