

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
October 26, 2023**

Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Sandy Davis, Steve Hope, Leon MacCorkle, Rick Poland, John Stolecki, John Stotz

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

Minutes

On a motion by Poland and a second by Ball, minutes from September 28 were approved unanimously.

Harbormaster Reports

Ball reported floats and other debris have been left on the banks of Round Pond harbor near the lupine field owned by Medomak Valley Land Trust. Ball requested the floats be removed a few months ago but the owner did not comply. A 30-Day Notice of Removal will be mailed to the owner and his parent.

Hope reported the owner of the derelict dock located at 020-042 has hired a marine contractor to remove the fish house and replace the dock. The contractor had inquired with Hope about the permitting process. Hope suggested they talk to the Code Enforcement Officer. Benner noticed the garbage can had been removed from New Harbor Landing. The Parks Dept. will be asked to return it.

Hope reported the Hardy Boat has left the harbor. Owners of NH45 (neighbors to the Hardy Boat) recently tried to move the mooring back to the east but were unsuccessful. In the spring of 2023, a marine contractor had used the Hardy Boat mooring for their barge during an easterly storm causing the mooring to drag. It is likely the chain has twisted into a ball.

Stolecki reported quiet harbors. The floats at Hanna Landing will be removed next week. The Highway Dept. requested the floats be stored in the field so he is able to plow the parking area.

ACOE Registration.

Padebco has fully registered their moorings and dock, floats and ramp system with the ACOE. MacCorkle explained the process.

Town Landing Surveys

The committee reviewed the town's smaller landings and what had been surveyed. At one time, there was a landing at Northern Point used mainly for passengers and goods coming and going to Loud's Island. The committee wondered if there was a deed or any legal reference to the landing. On a motion by Ball and a second by Hope all agreed to contact Coastal Land Surveying to determine boundary lines of the Northern Point landing.

Back Cove and Thompson Point Landing were surveyed several years ago, and both have signs identifying them as landings. A small landing at Long Cove should be surveyed in the future.

Mooring Fields

Plastic tags were ordered and distributed to the Harbormasters. Mooring numbers will be etched into the tags. The tags will be given to marine contractors and mooring owners who inspect their own moorings. Moorings will be tagged when they are initially set or as they are pulled up for inspection.

Public Comment

MacCorkle commented on marine contractor employees using excessive speed in Round Pond and Davis stated he had seen the same in New Harbor. One contractor working out of Bristol harbors does not have a registered mooring space for their barge and leaves it along the shore with one spud down. The barge continually spins and often comes close to hitting others' property.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 30 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary