

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
October 27, 2022**

*Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Steve Hope, John Stolecki, John Stotz
Also present: S. Davis, C. Hanna, M. Zaccadelli*

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Housekeeping.

Stolecki regrettfully announced the resignation of Dave Caron. He thanked him for 16+ years of service on the Committee. The Committee signed a thank you letter.

Minutes.

On a motion by Stotz and a second by Hope, the minutes from July 21 and August 25 were unanimously approved.

Harbormaster Reports.

Ball reported that he had re-assigned several mooring berths. In keeping with the ordinance that a commercial mooring must remain commercial; he swapped out one commercial to a recreational and one recreational to a commercial to provide the best fit for boats in the harbor.

He received two calls for tows. One was on the other side of Burnt Island, closer to Friendship, and one from the far side of Marsh Island. Padebco rescued both boats.

Stolecki reported that he was catching up with phone calls received while he was away. The floats at Hanna Landing are scheduled to be taken out by November 30.

Hope reported everything was going well. He found another mooring for Vicious Cycle. The owner of NH 35 has offered his mooring for the time being. Hope is still looking for someone to move the Hardy Boat mooring.

New Harbor Landing.

Boat storage fees of \$100/month were set in January by the Select Board. The committee picked a date of January 1, 2003 to start billing for boat storage. There are currently four boats being stored at the landing. Bizarro will write a letter advising the boat owners that they will be charged starting next year.

A local resident has abandoned a truck at New Harbor Landing. He will be notified to move the truck.

A recreational boat owner had inquired about storing a boat at New Harbor Landing. The Harbor & Landings Ordinance states only commercial boat storage is available at the landing.

Float Impoundment.

Stolecki provided an update. It was determined by LCSO and Lincoln County DA that a summons filed against the owner of NHMC would not be worthwhile. On guidance from LCSO and C. Hall, NHMC paid the remaining \$500 due on the six floats that were first impounded in November 2021. One float remains at the Transfer Station. Stolecki will reach out to NHMC to see if they want the float. Ball thought the float was in pretty good shape and could be of use to someone. Stotz wondered if an unclaimed property notice should be posted.

GPS Mooring Survey.

Stotz has successfully loaded GPS data points collected in April to his laptop. This information may now be used with other GPS programs. Stolecki and Stotz plan to collect more mooring data points this month and will be finished mapping Pemaquid River this year.

Columbia.

Stolecki reported a letter of support was written for J. Nolls, Submerged Lands Program Director, for the removal of the Columbia. The vessel was abandoned outside of Bristol on the northeastern side of Loud's Island. The Submerged Lands Program is seeking a grant to clean up several abandoned vessels along the coast. Nolls approximated \$200,000 to have the Columbia removed. Nolls requested the use of Round Pond landing for loading/unloading. Ball stated the landing is owned by RPVIS and Nolls would need to seek permission from them.

Public Comment.

UPR 159 was recently transferred to S. Davis. It is likely the mooring was moved from its original location sometime during the winter of 2021/2022. The mooring is a 3,000 lb. block. Davis will have the mooring pulled to make sure it is the correct block and then have the mooring moved back to its original location, keeping in mind any other new moorings/boats that may have been placed close to the original location.

Dinghy storage at Hanna Landing was discussed. Hanna Landing will remain a first come, first serve storage landing with no limitations on boat lengths.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. The next meeting will be held on November 17 at 5pm at the Bristol Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary