## Harbor Committee Bristol Town Hall November 30, 2023

Present: Robert Ball, Troy Benner, Steve Hope, Rick Poland, John Stolecki

Also present: Randy Domina

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

## Minutes

On a motion by Poland and a second by Hope, minutes from October 26 were approved unanimously.

#### **Harbormaster Reports**

Ball reported floats and other debris that had been given a 30-day removal notice broke loose and ended up under someone's dock during a storm. Ball told the owner of the floats and debris that it would be the perfect chance to remove it all from the harbor. So far, the owner of the floats has not cleaned it up. Marine Warden Keegan Nelligan and local fisherman Ron Poland have offered to help Ball remove the debris and take it to the Transfer Station. The owner of the floats and debris will be charged the cost of dumping fees unless the free dump day has not been used by his mother. The same person had his skiff sink at the mooring and Ball was able to get the skiff back to shore. A boat from Bremen with no motor asked to moor overnight. They were hauled out the next day. A mooring owner plans to leave his sailboat in the harbor over winter. Ball sent a letter requesting the mooring owner review section 9(b) of the Harbor Ordinance.

Hope reported mostly quiet harbors. The fish house on parcel 020-042 has been removed by Midcoast Marine. Hope commended the contractor for a well done job. A couple of boats have been hauled out for winter and the trash can has returned to New Harbor landing. The Midcoast Marine barge berths near the landing using spuds. Only one spud is normally used which causes the barge to spin. They will be asked to use two spuds.

Stolecki reported quiet harbors. The NHMC barge is currently berthed near the ramp at Hanna Landing for crane repairs. A ramp from barge to ground is in place and accessible to the public. This could become a liability. Stolecki is working his way through the wait list for Upper Pemaquid River and is finding that many people are turning down the offer of a mooring. UPR 48 owner has hired a diver to find his mooring.

#### **Town Landing Surveys**

There was another discussion on surveying a landing on Northern Point. The committee decided to not have the landing surveyed. It is currently unknown if there are any legal references of ownership for the small parcel of land.

# **Marine Contractor Approval**

The committee may consider adding language to the Harbor Ordinance about town-certified marine contractors. These contractors would need to meet certain insurance obligations, equipment inspections, etc. The Coast Guard most likely has a set of guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 11 @ 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro Harbor Committee Secretary