

**Harbor Committee
Bristol Town Hall
December 16, 2021**

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

Also present: Allen Millett, Kristine Poland, Mark Zaccadelli II

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Poland and a second by Benner, the minutes from November 18 were unanimously approved.

Float Impoundment.

5 floats from New Harbor Landing and 1 float from Hanna Landing being stored illegally were impounded and towed to the Bristol/South Bristol Transfer Facility. These floats were left at the landings by NHMC. Storage fees for the floats have been waived. The cost to have the floats moved to the Transfer Station was \$2,995. NHMC was sent an invoice for \$3,000 which must be paid before the floats are released.

Invoices/Budget.

Invoices for Ocean's Edge Marine Construction, onlinemooring.com and Robert Ball were reviewed and approved. The year-end budget and capital reserve fund for Harbors and Landings were reviewed with no changes.

Harbormaster Training.

The Maine Harbor Masters Association is having their annual training in Castine, March 2 – 4. New legislation (LD 152) passed in 2021 requires continuing education for all appointed Harbormasters and Deputy Harbormasters. Ball, Hope, and Stolecki will attend the advanced course.

Harbormaster Reports.

Pemaquid. Stolecki reported most mooring balls have been removed. Floats being stored at the landing are in their designated areas. An abutting landowner uses the small beach area for float storage.

Round Pond. Ball reported he has removed 15 mooring balls and has made 5-6 calls about others. He generally leaves the balls on if he knows who the contractor is. November 1 is the deadline for removing mooring balls in Round Pond and Muscongus harbors. Stolecki wondered if mooring owners should be charged when the Harbormaster removes the ball.

New Harbor. Hope reported quiet harbors. The Town Landing looks nice all cleaned up.

Ordinance Amendments.

On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Poland, all approved the following proposed wording for New Harbor Landing Usage:

Access – Commercial, recreational and emergency access shall always be available on a continuing basis at the New Harbor Landing.

Commercial Boat Storage:

Long Term Storage – Long term commercial boat storage allowed for commercial boats unavailable to be easily transported across public ways and roads as defined by the Harbormaster. Long term storage only allowed in designated area and will be assessed a monthly fee. Vessels will be impounded at owner's expense if found in violation.

Requests for storage will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Short Term Storage – Short term commercial boat storage allowed for commercial boats for maintenance purposes. Short term storage only allowed in areas that do not interfere with access to the ramp or long-term commercial boat storage area.

Emergency Storage – Emergency commercial boat storage allowed in any available space for the duration of the storm.

Recreational Boat Storage: Unavailable

Float Storage:

Commercial Float Storage – Unavailable

Recreational Float Storage – Unavailable

Vehicle Storage:

Daytime Storage – Daytime parking allowed only in areas that do not interfere with access to the ramp.

Overnight Storage – Not allowed unless approved by direct contact with the Harbormaster.

All approved uses of New Harbor Landing and ramp are at owner's risk.

Bizarro will review other ordinances for wording on resident, nonresident and taxpayer definitions and present to the committee at their next meeting.

Fees.

Mooring fees and terms of renewal were discussed. Charging different mooring fees for residents and nonresidents was brought up. Bizarro explained that Bristol taxpayers qualify for shellfish licenses and parks passes in the same matter as Bristol residents. Onlinemooring.com has suggested moving to a one-year renewal cycle. They are unsure if their program will support a two-year cycle. On a motion by Poland and a second by Ball, all agreed to change the mooring fee structure for residents and taxpayers of the town to \$25 per year and non-residents of the town to \$100 per year. On a motion by Stolecki and a second by Poland, all agreed to charge \$100/month for long term commercial boat storage.

Miscellaneous.

Stolecki reported that he had received a Limited Purpose Aquaculture lease to be located near Coombs Cove. This is a secondary location as the first one encroached on the mooring field. The gear will be set within a 6' x 65' area. Stolecki noted that this is the second lease request for the Pemaquid River. It was noted that the lease could interfere with commercial gill netting.

Public Comment.

A. Millet addressed the committee as a representative for Richard Tautkus. Tautkus has been a longtime mooring owner in Upper Pemaquid River. Millet reported that Tautkus had been billed by a local marine contractor for inspections and removing/installing mooring ball, but the work had not been completed. This has happened more than once. Tautkus contacted LCSO and will pursue the matter in court. He has since hired a different contractor to service his mooring.

Zaccadelli asked if he was eligible to go to the Harbormaster training being held in March. He was given an application and the difference in fees for non-municipal officials was explained.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42pm. The next meeting will be held on January 20 at 5pm at the Bristol Town Office. Agenda items to include: Ordinance amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Harbor Committee Secretary