

Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Harbor Commission 10 Court Street Bristol, RI 0280

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES November 6, 2023

Harbor Commission: Dom Franco, John McDonald, Peter Silvia

Alternates: Wayne Gablinski, Bob Hamel

Advisory Board: Pat Romano, Skip Castro, Michael Tamulaites, Bruce Palumbo

Harbormaster: Gregg Marsili

Dom Franco called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- 1. October meeting minutes were approved.
- 2 Harbor Fees have been approved by Town Council and we are waiting for them to be published
 - 3. Report of the Harbormaster Gregg Marsili
 - A. New Marina Status Electrical should be complete in Nov due to delay of parts. We are waiting for 1 more electrical box to arrive
 - B. <u>State St. Ramp & Ind Park Launch Ramp Docks</u> Gregg continues working on and the electical permits are pending
 - C. <u>Dock Repair & Maintenance</u> progress continues. Eleven new docks are complete and will be installed at Rockwell Docks. Maintenance on all docks will continue through the winter.
 - D. Maritime Center Sign: Still pending with Historic District Commission
 - E. <u>Wait list for Marina</u> 173 names on list.
 - F. <u>Gibson Rd ROW Ramp Repair or Replace</u> There is a plan in place.—Ed Tanner continues work on with BHIA, CRMC DPW & Harbormaster. Storm damage & path relocation on agenda.
 - G. ROWs all designed and Gregg continues work on this year.
 - H. <u>Fales Rd ROW Marker</u> Gregg continues working on with DPW & Ed Tanner.
- 4. Boat Slip Policy Discussion...Greg reviewed policy for non-use of designated dock spaces, grace periods for people without boats due to sale of old one, mechanical, health, or delivery issues. He also described the policy for short term rentals, transient use, and matching boat sizes to slips. He went on to explain that the Harbormasters Office and the new Deputy Harbormaster will be enforcing Chapter 8 of the Town Ordinances. He reported that letters of forfeiture of slip space have gone out and he expects that we'll be hearing appeals in December.

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- 5. Chapter 8 of Town Ordinances (Boats, Docks, and Waterways). Greg distributed copies of Chapter 8 to all members present. There has been some turnover in the Commission, Advisory Board, and Alternates so it's a good idea for everyone to read and become familiar with this chapter
- 6. Mooring Inspection –Town solicitor is reviewing new inspector rules
- 7. Elks Club Situation: Now in the hands of the Town Council
- 8. Liability Insurance for boats in Town owned slips: all boats at Town Docks will be required to have liability insurance.
- 9. Commercial parking places be assigned with signs at each of the following places:
 - 1. Church St. (5AM-5PM)
 - 2, Prudence Ferry Landing
 - 2. State St Dock
- 10. Breakwater Study: No updates

Adjournment 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Hamel