



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

**Harbor Commission**

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**Bristol Town Council**

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Subject: Harbor Commission Recommendation for Elks Club Issue With Regard to Increased Wave Activity

Dear Honorable Councilmen:

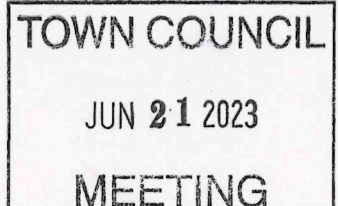
The Harbor Commission received a request for the Commission's support of their proposed temporary solution to the increased wave activity at their docks. The Elk's Club recommendation was to allow the Elks Club members to use eight assigned slips at the Town Marina. The Commission forwarded this to Council who referred it back to the Commission for our input and recommendation. According to their members this was caused by the new marina that the Town of Bristol installed over the last couple of years. This has made it more difficult for their members to use their docks and piers in front of their club. According to their members' petition, waves in the vicinity of the Elks facility have dramatically increased, which is deteriorating their dock and making it difficult to dock or berth at the facility. This problem may also be impacting the Elks Lodge seawall and building structure.

The Commission voted to recommend to Council the following four stipulations:

1. The Elks Club members be allowed dockage for four(4) boats at the new Town Marina at the discretion of the Harbormaster when required by the wind & weather. Four boats are what is allowed by the original permit from CRMC at the facility.
2. Cost to be no charge to Elks Club members for short term temporary usage due to wind & weather.
3. Specific docks to be at discretion of the Harbormaster.
4. Status to be reviewed by Commission at the end of the 2023 boating season and annually thereafter until a final resolution is made.

Respectfully submitted,

Domenic Franco  
Chairman – Harbor Commission



cc: Gregg Marsili – Harbormaster  
Steven Contente – Town Administrator  
Melissa Cordeiro – Town Clerk  
Jim Dollins – Vice Chair