



-Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Harbor Commission

10 Court Street
Bristol, RI 0280

**HARBOR COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2024**

Harbor Commission: Dom Franco, Jim Dollins, John McDonald, Steve Janaurio

Alternates: Wayne Gablinski, Bob Hamel

Advisory Board: Pat Romano, Skip Castro, Michael Tamulaites, Bruce Palumbo,
Owen O'Rourke

Harbormaster: Gregg Marsili

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

1. January 8, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
- 2 Appeals Hearing for Michael Fonseca – held on 1/8/2024, & appeal was granted.
3. Report of the Harbormaster – Gregg Marsili
 - A. New Marina Status – Gregg will update Electrical scheduled to be complete in Jan.
 - B. State St. Ramp & Ind Park Launch Ramp Docks – Gregg continues working on and will update.
 - C. Dock Repair & Maintenance – maintenance continues on all docks will continue through this year.
 - D. Maritime Center Sign - Still pending & Gregg will update status.
 - E. Wait list for Marina – 176 names on list.
 - F. Gibson Rd ROW Ramp Repair or Replace - 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. Fales Rd ROW Marker – Gregg 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. We'll be hearing appeals on March 12, 2024 with Solicitor attending.

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 reread and become familiar with this chapter.

6. Mooring Inspection – Gregg will update Town Solicitor's input on new inspector rules.

7. Liability Insurance for Boats in Town Owned Slips: all boats at Town Docks will be required to have liability insurance. Ordinance change status?

8. Commercial Parking Places: assigned with signs at each of the following places.

1. Church St. (5AM-5PM)
2. Prudence Ferry Landing
3. State St Dock

‘ Signs are done & Gregg to update status of installation.

9. Breakwater Study – Steve J advises study of need & review with Coast Guard & Army Corps of Engineers needs to be done.

10. Open Discussion for the public.

Adjournment