



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

**Harbor Commission**

10 Court Street  
Bristol, RI 0280

**HARBOR COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2023**

**Harbor Commission:** Jim Dollins (acting chair), John McDona

**Alternates:** Bob Hamel

**Advisory Board:** Paul Hebert, George Palumbo, Skip Castro, Bruce Palumbo

**Harbormaster:** Gregg Marsili

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Jim Dollins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of January minutes
3. Report of the Harbormaster – Gregg Marsili
  - A. New Marina Status - We are waiting for 1 more electrical box to arrive.
  - B. State St. Ramp & Ind Park Launch Ramp Docks – Gregg continues working on permitting
  - C. Dock Repair & Maintenance –. Maintenance on all docks will continue through the winter weather permitting
  - D. Maritime Center Sign: Will be placed on the electrical tower for good visibility
  - E. Wait list for Marina – 179 names on list.
  - F. Gibson Rd ROW Ramp Repair or Replace There is a plan in place.– Ed Tanner continues work on with BHIA, CRMC DPW & Harbormaster. Storm damage & path relocation on agenda . CRMC has kicked back the application as there is a lot of work planned for a ROW with no parking available. There will be a meeting with BHIA and the Town to discuss
  - G. ROWS – Fales Road marker has been replaced/repaired and Portside is awaiting permitting
  - H. Boat Slip Policy/Mooring Discussion...Renewal deadline for docks and moorings has passed. Late fees apply as of today, February 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 60 mooring and 8 dock payments outstanding. There are 102 moorings under review as they are lacking copies of boat registration. A lot of effort has gone into contacting people by email. Next year, all bill will be sent electronically. Any forfeiture mailings will be sent by USPS. There will be an appeals hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Town Solicitor will be in attendance.

4. Chapter 8 of Town Ordinances (Boats, Docks, and Waterways). Greg has distributed copies of Chapter 8 to all members. Please review and bring to next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

5. Mooring Inspection –Town solicitor is reviewing new inspector rules and Greg will be meeting with Mooring Inspectors on February 6<sup>th</sup> to review some standard protocols.

6. Liability Insurance for boats in Town owned slips: Lengthy discussion re: requirement for and amount of liability insurance. Commercial fisherman have been finding it difficult and expensive to secure liability insurance. There are 24 commercial fishermen at town owned slips. It would not be fair and equitable to require recreational boats to have liability insurance and exempt commercial boats. There needs to be continued discussion and investigation and the boating season is rapidly approaching. A motion was made to oppose the liability requirement and was voted on (2 yes and 1 abstain)...motion passed. It's clear that the Town Council/Solicitor need to be involved and Jim Dollins with the input of several representatives of commercial fishing will write a letter to the Town Council for discussion at April 1 Council Meeting

7. Commercial parking places be assigned with signs at each of the following places:

1. Church St. (5AM-5PM)
- 2 . State St Dock
3. Prudence Lot...pending

8. Breakwater Study: No updates

**Adjournment 8:19 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted: Bob Hamel**