



BRISTOL HARBOR COMMISSION

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 5, 2025

START TIME: 7:00 pm

AJOURNMENT: 7:45 pm

PRESENT: Steven Januario, Robert Hamel, John McDonald, Wayne Gablinske, Skip Castro, Michael Tabulates
Harbormaster Gregg Marsili, John Perry

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes: April 7 and April 14, 2025 minutes approved unanimously
3. Report of Harbormaster:
 - a) Independence Boat Ramp — Harbormaster reported the work at 80% completion and on schedule.
 - b) Dock Repair and Maintenance — Harbormaster announced bids have been received for Gibson Road public access site. Bids range from \$30,000 to 300,000.
 - c) Dock Wait List — Harbormaster reported current wait list at 142
4. General Discussion:
 - 1.) J. McDonald discussed the possibility of installing new ramp at the ferry dock. Harbormaster stated that a new ramp would result in the loss of a 30 foot dock.
 - 2.) O. O'Rourke had a concern of lumber breaking free at Coast Guard dock wave fence. Harbormaster stated that the Coast Guard has a request in for funding to repair.
5. Possible New Rules for Commission:

Motion by S Castro, B. Hamel to change attendance requirements from five absences to four within a year's time and add three consecutive absences to the rules. Motion discussed and unanimously approved.

Other grammatical changes were recommended.

Town Clerk office to update the document accordingly.
6. Dispense of July, 2025 meeting

Motion by W. Gablinske, S. Castro to dispense the July meeting from the schedule for future years as well. Unanimously approved.
7. Citizens Public Forum
 - 1.) Robert Morris requested to re-appeal the Harbor Commission decision from previous meeting. Request was denied.
 - 2.) James Murray, Bristol resident and Marine Industry owner, discussed RI House of Representatives bill H-6256 and the devastating effects the bill would have on the boating industry. He stated comments to oppose the bill must be submitted by May 6, 2025.
 - 3.) O. O'Rourke stated the boat ramp at Colt State Park is out of service. Harbormaster explained the ramps are the responsibility of RIDEM, not the town of Bristol.
- 8.) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by J. McDonald, B. Hamel. Unanimously approved.