

Harbor Master

Basic Information

Public

Sec. 803. - Harbor department. (a) There shall be a harbor department, the function of which is to coordinate and administer all activities taking place in the harbors and waterways contingent to the coastal shoreline of the Town of Bristol and within the town's boundaries. These functions shall include but not be limited to patrolling of the harbors and waterways, enforcement of federal, state and local laws pertaining to activity on these waters, supervision of all moorings within town boundaries whether private or public, maintenance of all docks, wharfs, piers, marinas, moorings and similar structures owned by the town, maintenance of vessels and vehicles owned by the town to carry out these functions, collection and management of fees for public use of these facilities, and such other functions as may be assigned to the department by the town council.

(b) The director of the harbor department shall be a harbormaster appointed by the town council. The harbormaster shall be appointed from among persons with professional training in the management of municipal harbor activities and with a minimum of five (5) years experience in this field. The duties of the harbormaster shall include but not be limited to the following: (1) To supervise and/or coordinate all functions and activities, as well as personnel and equipment assigned to the department and to maintain complete and accurate records of these activities (2) To report to the town administrator (3) To prepare an annual estimated budget for the department in consultation with the town administrator and to present such to the town administrator in a timely manner (4) If authorized by the town council, to appoint one or more assistant harbormasters and a number of seasonal personnel necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the department.

Composition

1 Harbor Master serving a 3-year term