

A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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Dear Town Administrator,

At the past four (4) meetings of the Bristol Harbor Commission, there has been discussion regarding the negative impact of the new town marina wave attenuator on the docks at the Bristol County Elks Lodge. The town marina design produces major wave action and currents at our slips that has not been seen before, consequently diminishing the ability of our members to safely tie up their boats and use our docks.

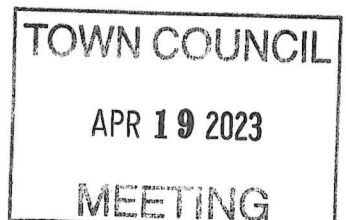
At the Harbor Commission meeting on Jan 9, the Commission stated that their next action was to engage their engineering design company to review the issue and provide feedback. There was no update on this action from the Commission at the February 6 meeting. At that February meeting the Elks representatives provided Jim Dollins a letter asking the Commission to consider a proposal for a temporary solution until a permanent resolution could be implemented. The March 6 meeting update from the Commission was that the engineering company stated that an analysis on design impact to abutters was never requested so that analysis was not performed. The Elks Dock Committee members at the March meeting were instructed by the Commission to submit to the Town Council their temporary solution proposal previously submitted to the Commission.

Although the Lodge certainly appreciates the Commission's effort to work with us on a solution, we are now concerned that the problem, first communicated to the Commission at the December meeting, will not be resolved prior to the 2023 boating season. Therefore, the Bristol County Elks Lodge is asking for a temporary solution until the issue is resolved. The Lodge is requesting the town provide (8) assigned slips in the town marina for Elks Members to use. The reasoning for the request for (8) slips is as follows: The Lodge currently has (4) deep water slips, with the ability to raft additional vessels. The Lodge slips are also conveniently attached to the Lodge's patio with direct access to enter the building. Slips in the town marina will require our members, including many over 70 years old, to walk a quarter mile to get to the facility and a quarter mile back to their boat. The request for (8) slips is accounting for all these factors. We would like the Town to review and act on this temporary solution request, with a written response received no later than May 1, 2023.

Please contact me or Eric Gardner, at 401-439-6930, with any questions on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Devault".
Dick Devault



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