



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

Harbor Commission

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**HARBOR COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 3, 2025**

Harbor Commission: Dom Franco (chair) Bob Hamel, Steve Januario, John McDonald

Advisory Board: Skip Castro, Mike Tamulaites, Pam Romano, J P Hebert

Harbormasters: Greg Marsilli John Perry

Dom Franco Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Motion to accept December 2024 minutes (no mtg in January) (Bob H0 Second (Steve)
3. Mr. Franco announced that Jim Dollins has resigned from the Vice Chair of the Harbor Commission. Dom also announced that he will be retiring from the Harbor Commission after 44 years and his last meeting will be next month
4. Report of the Harbormaster:
Update on the ramp construction at Independence Park. It should be complete by mid-April. State St. ramp is available during construction.
Review of damage to new docks during December storm. Five docks were damaged and damage is covered by insurance. A cold-water dive team will inspect the underwater anchors this week.

Greg did a "show and tell" to explained what was damaged and how it will be repaired. He also outlined the regular maintenance that is done throughout the year.

Greg reviewed the dock wait list (162), gave an update on the on-line renewal system for docks and moorings. He and his staff will be available to help if people have trouble navigating the system.

Right of Ways: No schedule to review yet

Utility Fee: deferred for now

5. A review of the Policies of the Bristol Harbor Commission and decided to keep the Commission at 5 members, suggested an increase to 3 members as alternates. A discussion regarding being more attentive to appointing more of a diverse membership to Commission, Alternates, and Advisory Board to better adhere to Policy A decision re: attendance of HC members at meetings and a decision to change from 5 to 4 before someone is removed or requested

to resign from the Commission. Members should notify the Chair or Harbormaster if they will not be in attendance. Changes will be incorporated for the next meeting.

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6. Greg reported on the recent ethics training and reviewed to importance of using Roberts Rules of Order, proper posting of meeting notifications. A video will be available for anyone who wasn't able to attend the training.
7. Open Discussion for the Public: Arthur Peloquin brought his concerns re: commercial fishermen. Apparently the relocation/consolidation of commercial boats has made it difficult for at least 4 boats to access their slips. The Harbormaster said that he will work with them for a solution.
8. **Meeting adjourned 8:34 PM**

Dominic S. Franco

Respectfully Submitted: Bob Hamel