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March 20, 2018

Dear Broad Cove Reserve 2017 Mooring Holder,

As you may be aware, last fall the Town discovered that the pier at Broad Cove had sustained structural damage which compromised the stability and safety of the structure. Town officials and engineers kept a close eye on the pier this winter, in hopes that it could be shored up and made safe for the 2018 season. Sadly, this will not be the case. The pier suffered additional damage during several large storms this winter and is beyond the point of repair.

Working with the Maine Department of Transportation, the Town of Cumberland will work this summer to begin the construction of a new pier and float system for Broad Cove Reserve that we believe will capably serve our community for years to come.

While we are optimistic that this plan will result in an operational pier for the summer of 2019, we are left to manage the Broad Cove Reserve mooring field this year. In order to accomplish this goal fairly, we propose the following:

2017 mooring permit holders who plan to moor a boat in BCR this year: Submit an application as normal. We will review your application and issue your mooring permit *at no cost*.

2017 mooring permit holders who do NOT plan to moor a boat in BCR this year: If you wish to retain your mooring location, submit an application as normal. We will review your application and issue you a mooring permit *at no cost*. You do not have to locate your mooring, but your mooring location will be preserved for next year.

New mooring permit applicants: New applicants will be required to locate a mooring at the assigned location per ordinance:

“An applicant receiving a mooring assignment within Broad Cove Reserve, effective on or after May 1, 2017, must install the mooring during the first year of assignment. Should a mooring not be installed during that first year and the applicant again apply within three years, an administrative fee must be paid prior to the issuance of the second mooring assignment.”

By following the process above, we hope to accommodate those prior mooring holders who do wish to moor a boat this year as well as those that do not, but who wish to maintain their assigned mooring location. Requiring new mooring holders to follow the ordinance will help to ensure that we are not overwhelmed with applications from individuals who are not committed to mooring a boat in Broad Cove, but simply wish to have a free “placeholder” mooring for the year. We hope you will find this arrangement fair and workable.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience and assistance as we work together for the future of Broad Cove Reserve.

Sincerely,

Ben Burnes
Patrol Officer / Harbormaster

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Patrol Officer / Harbormaster



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February 21, 2018

Dear Cumberland Mooring Holder,

I am reaching out on behalf of the Coastal Waters Commission to notify you about the recent damages to the Broad Cove Pier. The pier has been deemed unsafe after enduring serious structural damage during the fall wind storm and the early January winter storm. After the damage in the fall our Coastal Waters Commission was developing costs for temporary repairs to the pier this spring for the Town Council, but due to the recent storm the damage has become too severe to repair. You may read the full pier inspection report from the engineers at Baker Design Consultants on the Town Website at: <https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/home/news/broad-cove-pier-closed>

The Town was originally scheduled to receive state funding in 2020 to reconstruct the pier, but have been successfully moved up on the state funding list for this year. The reconstruction of the pier will most likely be completed by late fall of 2018. In the meantime, those with moorings located at Broad Cove will not have to pay the associated fee due to the lack of access to them.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Coastal Waters Commission or Town Manager, Bill Shane (wshane@cumberlandmaine.com) at 829-2205

Sincerely,

David Witherill
Chair, Coastal Waters Commission