

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: June 4, 2020

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Present: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Frank Coelho, Michelle Potter, Andrew Jones, Eric Dawicki, Selectman Robert Espindola, Dave Hebert, Mike McNamara

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Chairman Coelho called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Harbormaster Cox made motion to approve the June 4, 2020 minutes. Mr. McNamara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Waterways Rules & Regulations Review:

Susan Nilson from Foth Engineering reviewed the draft of the new Waterway Rules & Regulations. Discussion ensued.

The committee will submit their suggestions and comments regarding the draft to Sheri Souza by June 18, 2020. Sheri will then compile the suggestions / comments and send them back out the committee for review by June 24, 2020. The committee can then discuss those suggestions / comments at the July 2, 2020 meeting.

Phase V Dredging:

Susan Nelson from Foth provided an update. As of 5/30/2020 they are 75% done with the top of cad material. They have completed the top of the access channel. The middle dredging has begun. Discussion ensued.

Union Wharf:

Harbormaster Cox reminded the committee that we received a million dollar grant for Union Wharf. He asked Susan Nelson from Foth engineering to comment on that. She advised that they are able to use the designs that they have worked in the past for the Wharf to assist in working on the North side and it will be similar to what they did on the South side. Looking to get it out to bid and start construction in the fall.

Boat Ramps:

Harbormaster Updates:

Chairman Coelho noted the elections should be held at the next meeting because the election for the town is Monday, June 8th. Selectman Espindola explained how the elections should work. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Coelho then asked about the West Island Dredging. Harbormaster Cox responded by letting them know that all of our Marine Resources articles have been pushed to the Fall Town meeting so this dredging is postponed until then.

Aquaculture / Upwell Updates:

Harbormaster Cox the upweller has been put in. 860,000 quahogs will be picked up to be placed back in the upweller in order to have one more growing season to go through.

New Business:

Harbormaster Cox advised that because of Covid-19 there is no new business. We have just been maintaining what we have been doing.

The pump-outs have begun as well. Mr. Dawicki asked about a dockside pump out system. Harbormaster Cox stated he did have a grant and was thinking of putting it at Seaview because that is in close proximity to the sewer system. Our 25% match has been held off until the fall as well due to Covid-19.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is July 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved 7/2/2020