

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2021

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Present In Person & Via Zoom: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Robert Hobson, Andrew Jones, Selectman Robert Espindola, Eric Dawicki.

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MASS.

Absent: Michelle Potter & Dave Hebert

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

Selling of Taylor Cultured Seafood:

Present was Zach from Taylor Culture Seafood as well as Dale Leavitt from Blue Stream Shellfish, LLC. Taylor Seafood is requesting permission of this board to recommend to the Select Board the transfer of their aquaculture license to Blue Stream. Both Zack and Dale pleaded their cases as to why the lease and being transferred and why Blue Stream would like the lease. Dale also explained his background in aquaculture as well his immediate and the future plan for the site. Discussion ensued with the board asking questions of both parties. A motion was made by Andy Jones that the Marine Resources Committee recommend to the Select Board the approval of the transfer of the lease from Taylor Cultured Seafood to Blue Stream LLC. Mr. Hobson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Harbormaster Updates:

The Union Wharf black top will be done mid-July, sometime after the 16th. Mr. Hobson asked about Crow Island dock Harbormaster Cox answered that he has sat in on a few safety meetings regarding the dock. Mr. Hobson was asking whether it had anything to do with Union Wharf. Harbormaster Cox confirmed that it does not and stated he would bring the plans of the dock to the committee for their comment once he has received them.

Shellfish Updates:

Per Harbormaster Cox, shellfishing is going very well over at Round & Senior Coves. The City of New Bedford had made an agreement to buy shellfish. They can no longer take the shellfish because they do not have a place to plant and has asked Fairhaven to assist. Harbormaster Cox is working out a deal where the Town will receive a good amount of the quahogs. They will be planted this year, both commercial and recreational. The planting will be done October through December behind Hoppy's, BB17 & 18.

Mr. Hobson asked again about when the Outer Harbor will be reopen due to the issue with the New Bedford outflow. He was directed to call Greg Sawyer at DMF with any of these questions. His contact information will also be placed on the Town's Website.

Mr. Dawicki asked about the dredging at West Island. Harbormaster Cox informed the Feasibility Study is almost complete. Hoping for an update at our next meeting in September.

The next meeting will be September 2, 2021.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hobson, Mr. Dawicki seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved September 2, 2021