

**Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes: June 10, 2021**

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**Present Via Zoom:** Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Robert Hobson, 4b  
Andrew Jones, Selectman Robert Espindola, and Michelle Potter.

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Dave Hebert and Eric Dawicki were absent.

Chairman McNamara called the meeting order at 6:32 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Mrs. Potter seconded.  
Minutes passed unanimously.

Chairman McNamara made a motion to move the item of Hoppy's Landing Parking to the top of the agenda. Mr. Hobson made the motion. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Donna & Chris Engrande from Off The Hook spoke of how they are addressing the parking issues at the bar as well as Hoppy's Landing. They are placing a sign that says where patrons are to park due to overflow. Mr. Hobson was concerned that the restaurant opened up without proper authority. Harbormaster Cox assured the committee that Off The Hook was permitted to open by all Departments, being Fire, Health, and Building. Parking will be monitored this season and any issues will be addressed in the future. Harbormaster Cox will also be talking to the Police Department regarding installing crosswalks. Selectman Espindola suggested talking to Mr. Paul Foley, the Planning Director about the Complete Streets Program. They may be able to help fund the crosswalks.

**Aquaculture:**

Taylor Cultured Seafood is requesting permission from the committee to make a name change on the business to West Island Seafood in order to restructure the business. Zach from Taylor Seafood addressed the committee regarding this issue. Mr. Hobson made a motion to recommend the name change from Taylor Cultured Seafood to West Island Seafood to the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Selectmen Espindola also suggested that Harbormaster Cox request permission from Interim Town Administrator Wendy Graves to speak with Town Council regarding the next steps.

**Shellfish Updates:**

The quahogs that were planted last year are a nice size. Residents are loving the shellfishing this season. Round Cove and Senior Cove are open. They are the hot spots. Jack's Cove was shut down temporarily due to a sinking boat. It is now reopen and safe.

This year's relay has not been done yet, but will be done in the fall. Mr. Hobson also asked about the Harbor being closed due to New Bedford's overflow issue. Harbormaster Cox noted DPH is involved in the issue. It is being monitored by the State. The Marine Resources Department will put a contact for people to reach out from DMF to the Town of Fairhaven website.

**Progress at Union Wharf:**

Union Wharf is 99% done. Harbormaster Cox presented pictures of some of the finished work at the wharf. Once job is complete there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Lt. Governor.

Mr. Hobson asked again about the land swap. It was stated by Harbormaster Cox and Selectmen Espindola that there is still no information to offer to the committee. It will be addressed at a future meeting.

Mr. Hobson also stated he saw power washing going on at Fairhaven Shipyard North. He was told by the committee that the policing of this is not the purview of this particular board. The issue may need to be brought to Conservation, Health, or DEP.

**Harbormaster & Ramp Updates:**

Harbormaster Cox will be putting in a work order with the DPW for cleaning of the Hoppy's Ramp.

Mr. Hobson asked about how much money is in the Hoppy's Landing Revolver Account. The answer is approximately \$7,800.00. Mr. Cox noted it is plenty of money to make the proper repairs to the Hoppy's building. He also stated the dock will have to come out in the next couple of years for repairs.

The insurance made the payment for the damage at the Pease Park Boat Ramp. The repairs will be made as soon as product can be delivered. Fortress Marine will be making the repairs.

Surveying is almost complete for the West Island Dredging. Chairman McNamara asked for a way to keep the public in know about this dredging and what the money is going for. Chairman McNamara also to ask Gary Golis about a possible permit pulled in 2006 regarding this dredging.

**New Business:**

There will Fireworks this year in the City of New Bedford on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Harbormaster Cox also mentioned that when Union Wharf is paved is will take PJ Keating 5-6 days to complete the job. Then they are asking to keep it closed for another 5 days to help keep the product integrity. The water will also be going across the dock as well.

The next meeting of this committee will be September 2, 2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Sheri Souza  
Recording Secretary

Approved September 2, 2021