

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2021

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Present In Person & Via Zoom: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Robert Hobson, Select Board Member Keith Silvia, Dave Hebert, Eric Dawicki, and Andrew Jones

Absent: Michelle Potter

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MASS.

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from November 4, 2021 by Mr. Hobson. Seconded by Select Board Member Keith Silvia. Motion passed unanimously.

Review NMI's use of Hoppy's Landing as a Marine Resource Center:

Harbormaster Cox informed the committee that he is looking into different avenues for storage for the items that currently exist at Hoppy's Landing that he uses all the time. He spoke with Conservation as well as the Building Department because of the area being a flood zone. A motion was made by Mr. Hobson to table the topic of the storage space options until the next meeting. This was seconded by Select Board Member Keith Silvia. Passed unanimously. Harbormaster Cox will work with the Building Department to try and find a solution.

Eric Dawicki also wanted to note that this project is not specific to NMI. It is a community project even though proposed by David Bill that works for NMI along with Harbormaster Cox. It was noted that the program was a success and Marion.

Hoppy's Parking Meter:

Chairman McNamara passed out Hoppy's Landing Revenue and Expenditure information to the committee for review and noted that it is recorded as received. The committee can review and make notes for discussion at the next meeting.

Harbormaster Updates:

Electrical issues at Union Wharf are being fixed. Slips 1 – 4 are done, 5-9 have a bigger issue but are being worked on. This is a band aid. More work will need to be done in the future. Engineers are looking into a plan to get this fixed. There are no safety issues at this time.

Seaview Boat Ramp has been pulled out. Harbormaster Cox has reached out to Doug Cameron from the State. He also called Representative Bill Straus because this dock will need a lot of work in the near future. Representative Straus will get back to us after the first of the year. This is a 2 year process.

Updates from the past storm. A boat broke loose from a mooring and was wedged under the Causeway causing damage. Jeff has the insurance information for the boat owner.

A boat broke loose at Seaview and ended up on Knollmore Beach. About five boats broke loose at the Marina. Two boats unsalvageable. A couple sank at Whaling City Marina and a rescue was needed at 4:30 am.

Chairman McNamara asked about the dredging in the Harbor. New Bedford Port Authority has put out an RFP for a bid on the North Terminal. Once someone is awarded the bid and the Cad Cell is completed, the dredging will begin. No change in money for Fairhaven residents and commercial entities at this time.

Chairman McNamara asked if anything more has been addressed on West Island dredging. It has not at this time.

Shellfish Updates:

Harbormaster Cox spoke regarding Bella Vista Island. The State / Government is making them dredge. During this dredging part of Round Cove and Senior Cove will be destroyed. They have to pay a Shellfish Mitigation fee because of that. The town is asking for \$22,000.00. Harbormaster Cox will use the money seed quahogs and contaminated quahogs. The initial dredge will be drastic. Once maintained it will be less mitigation.

He is planning on running the upweller this season. Will be ordering about 30,000 quahog seed and possibly some oysters. Along with the contaminated relay.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2022

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jones seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved, February 3, 2022