

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee

Meeting Minutes: March 3, 2022

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

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Absent: Eric Dawicki, Michelle Potter, Dave Hebert

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from December 2, 2021 by Mr. Hobson. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Motion passed unanimously noting that Mr. Silvia was absent at the last meeting and could not vote.

Developments at Union Wharf:

Harbormaster Cox advised the committee that the Town will be receiving a \$500,000.00 ARPA Grant from the State earmarked for use at Union Wharf. He reviewed a list of wants and needs at Union Wharf that he is getting estimates for. The estimates have to be shown to the State before June 24, 2022. Foth Engineering will be involved in this project heading up this project with Harbormaster Cox.

Parking at Hoppy's Landing:

Harbormaster Cox presented a slide of the overlay the Hoppy's Landing parking lot. He explained to the committee the areas that are paying parking spaces versus the non-paying parking spaces. Chairman McNamara asked if there was a problem with boat trailers not having enough parking. Harbormaster Cox answered no. Mr. Jones brought information about parking at Off the Hook to the committee. Stating they have 169 parking spaces for their facility. He also noted that if there is an issue at Hoppy's due to the restaurant and marina it will become their issue, and ask the planning board whether or not there is adequate parking. He stated if there are no other issue regarding parking at Hoppy's that need to be addressed at this time then the committee should move on from the subject rather than banter back and forth on something they cannot resolve. Chairman McNamara would like to table any further Hoppy's discussion until the next meeting when the absent board members are present. They can all express any other concerns regarding Hoppy's at that time.

Chairman McNamara update the committee that the Select Board did vote to suspend the Hoppy's Meter Service for the year.

Harbormaster Updates:

Chairman McNamara asked when the Seaview Ramp will be in. Harbormaster Cox noted it depends on the weather, but is aiming for the third week in April.

The Marine Resources Department will be attending a webinar on March 8th to learn how to apply for a Dredge Grant and we will apply for this grant by April 15th.

The update on the Harbor Phase V Dredging is that the City of New Bedford excepted a bid for the North Terminal. The rest of Cad will be dredged in Fall & Winter. Once that's complete dredging will start for residential and commercial in Spring & Summer of 2023.

Selectmen Silvia asked about the Hurricane Barrier maintenance. New Bedford side is replacing rollers & gates. It should be complete by the end of April.

Shellfish Updates:

The Marine Resources Department sent out the bid notice for the contaminated shellfish relay. We received a bit for \$26.25 a bushel. Planning to plant 600 bushel in Round Cove.

Getting pricing from ARC to purchase 30,000 baby quahogs.

Mr. Hobson brought up an issue with the rain schedule flag for Seaview. The flag cannot be seen from Seaview. Mr. Hobson is suggesting another flag be placed there. Harbormaster Cox agrees, but does not have the money in the budget to install the flag pole. If someone can find money, he is happy to install it.

In May, Round Cove will be closed and North Cove will be opened. Waiting on DMF to test the quahogs in order to make the changes.

The Marine Resources Department collects Shellfish Mitigation Fees from the Conservation Commission. We will be submitting an article in the June Town Meeting asking for a Revolving Fund for these fees. This way money coming for disturbed shellfish can go directly to purchasing the shellfish to replace this shellfish.

The next meeting will April 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Jones. Mr. Hobson seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved April 21, 2022