

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2022

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

Absent: Eric Dawicki

Chairman McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 14, 2022 by Mr. Jones.
Seconded by Mr. Hobson. Motion passed unanimously.

Seaview Ramp Dinghy Storage Rack:

Harbormaster Cox read the existing rule to the dinghy permit (attachment A). He would like the rule changed from April 1st through November 1st. He only wants this for Seaview and Pease Park Ramps because there are too many kayaks at Seaview causing an issue. Discussion ensued. Harbormaster Cox also wants to talk about expanding the racks at Seaview next year so capacity isn't an issue. Chairman McNamara asked to table the topic until the next meeting so the board can read the existing regulations and formulate verbiage to reconcile or add.

Dredging Updates:

Harbormaster Cox noted we have not heard if we were awarded the West Island Dredge Grant as of yet.

As far as dredging on the Harbor construction has started on the North Terminal in the City. D.W. White was awarded the construction. Dredging will begin for New Bedford and Fairhaven in early 2023.

Harbormaster Updates:

Harbormaster Cox thanked the BPW for taking care of the lawn at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Hobson stated we are now on a schedule with the BPW for this on a more permanent basis. The shells were delivered at Hoppy's as well. The money box is up. Harbormaster Cox will talk to the electrician about removing the parking meter. Dave Darmafol, the retired Harbormaster, donated a welcome sign for Hoppy's Landing. Is it up on the building. The State has been coming around to the boat ramps and cleaning things up. Harbormaster Cox would like the BPW to come clean up some wood down at Sea View as well.

The southwest corner piling at Union Wharf is failing. We are within the year warranty. It will be fixed. The work that we are doing with the \$500,000 ARPA Grant money will begin as well. Some of the work will be going out to bid.

The vessel that needs to leave Union Wharf is still there. Harbormaster Cox is asking the committee for what to do. A letter will be going out to Wayne Frye stating he has 7 days to remove the old vessel. He will also be informed we need all paperwork for the new vessel. Town Council advised he has 6 months to show a catch report.

Shellfish Updates:

North Cove was opened this week. Round Cove is now closed. Will be planting 600 bushel within 3 weeks. Mr. Hobson asked about another flag at Seaview. Select Board Member Silvia has a flag pole and he will help Harbormaster Cox to be place it in a more noticeable location.

Any Other Business:

Dale from Blue Stream here to let the committee know that they were informed by West Island Marina that the ramp is not a public boat ramp. Mr. Engrande, from West Island Marina stated according to DEP it is the Marina's ramp. They are involved in a court hearing over the matter. Mr. Hobson believe the original boat ramp was installed illegally. He believes this needs to go to council. Chairman McNamara is asking to table the subject until the next meeting so that everyone can understand the situation better regarding the Chapter 91 License. Select Board Member Mr. Silvia made a motion to postpone this issue until the next meeting. Ms. Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Marine Resources office will collect as much information as possible prior to the next meeting for the committee.

Harbormaster Cox spoke about the parking issue that happened at Off the Hook and Hoppy's Landing this past weekend. Harbormaster Cox ticketed cars that were did not move when asked.

Next meeting will be August 4, 2022.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved 8/4/22