

**Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2022**

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

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Absent: Eric Dawicki, Michelle Potter

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MASS.

Chairman McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from March 3, 2022 by Mr. Hobson. Seconded by Mr. Hebert. Motion passed unanimously.

Blue Stream Proposal for Installation of Solar Powered Floating Upwellers:

Dale Leavitt from Blue Stream Shellfish made his proposal for the installation of solar powered floating upwellers to the committee. He is proposing three rafts for solar use to be held by moorings. The rafts were constructed by Mr. Leavitt and team. They will be disassembled sometime in October for the winter. The committee asked several questions of Mr. Leavitt, discussion ensued. Mr. Hobson made a motion to table this discussion until May because he believed he needed more time and information in order to vote. The motion was not seconded. If the committee advised that this matter be brought to the Select Board for their approval, per the Division of Marine Fisheries, Blue Stream will need to advertise a public notice 30 days prior to the public hearing. Mr. Jones motioned that the committee approve the proposal. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. All were in favor except for Mr. Hobson. Motion passed.

Dredging Updates:

Harbormaster Cox stated that inside the Harbor North Terminal was finally awarded. Construction will be starting soon. They will finish the bottom of the CAD first then move forward with the dredging most likely around fall.

We have hired a grant company to write our application for a \$200,000.00 grant for West Island Dredging. There is an article request of \$40,000.00 for the Town match. If awarded this money, this will have us shovel ready in order to apply for the actual dredging grant so that we can continue with the project.

Harbormaster Updates:

Harbormaster Cox advised that he will be meeting with the BPW at Seaview next week to discuss putting the ramps back in.

The State has begun cleaning up Pease Park Boat Ramp.

Harbormaster Cox also asked the BPW to go down to Hoppy's Landing with a bucket to clean the two sides of the boat ramp. Once that is done the Fire Department will come to power wash the ramp. Harbormaster Cox noted there are no shells to be had anywhere in order to replenish. The committee offered alternatives. They will continue to look for shells, but it was agreed upon that the parking lot needs to be grated.

The \$500,000.00 ARPA grant money is arriving at any moment. Once the money hits the plan discussed at the last meet will be put into place and improvements will be made to Union Wharf. We are also applying for a grant along with Planning Director Paul Foley for one million dollars to start the north side of the wharf. A light pole was hit by Crystal Ice it will be repaired as soon as possible.

Mr. Hobson asked about the Ann M still taking up dock space at Union Wharf. Mr. Cox assured the committee it will be taken care of by May 1st. If it is not taken care of by May 1st we will confer with Attorney Crotty to take action.

Shellfish Updates:

North Cove will be opening at the end of May / beginning of June. Waiting for the State to do their testing.

Mr. Hobson asked about the job posting of Shellfish Deputies. Harbormaster Cox stated we are still accepting applications and he will begin to review them next week and make appointments to interview.

We are on board to plant in Round Cove this year. We have \$23,000.00 in shellfish mitigation fees along with the \$18,000.00 requested at Town Meeting for propagation.

Mr. Hobson asked again about the red and yellow flags that regulation shellfishing at the bottom of Seaview. He feels as though there should be another flag place at Seaview rather than at the bottom of Weeden Rd. Harbormaster Cox re-iterated he cannot move the flag placed by the State. He is willing to add an additional flag if someone can supply the money to purchase the flag pole. Mr. Hobson suggested putting a sign up to let the shellfishers know whether the bed is open or closed.

The money box for Hoppy's that is being made by New Bedford Voc students is almost done. Will have it installed after their April vacation.

There was a motion made to conduct the next meeting on June 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm by Mr. Jones, Select Board Member Silvia seconded the motion. All accepted the motion except for Mr. Hobson, he denied motion. Motion passed.

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

• The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved 6/9/2022

