



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2022**

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**Present:** Chair Michael McNamara, Vice-Chair Andrew Jones, Mr. Robert Hobson, Mr. Dave Hebert, Ms. Michelle Potter, and Harbormaster Timothy Cox.

**Absent:** Select Board member Keith Silvia, Eric Dawicki

The meeting was videotaped by Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Mr. McNamara opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes**

***Motion:*** Mr. Jones motioned to approve the minutes of August 4, 2022. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

**Public Ramp at West Island Marina – Update on Information Research Only:**

Working on getting documentation stating whether the ramp at West Island Marina is a public or private ramp. Mr. McNamara has reached out to the State with no response. He has reached out to Town Administrator, Angie Lopes Ellison, to see if she can make progress with the State regarding the matter. Harbormaster Cox noted she is working on it.

**Residency Requirements for Union Wharf – Public Comment:**

Mr. McNamara read the requirements as stated in the Waterway Rules and Regulations regarding residency and proof of residency needed for the lease of a dock on the south side of Union Wharf. Mr. Eric Moniz, 6 Camel St., stated concerns he has with the residency requirements as stated. He does not believe all parties leasing have supplied said requirements and he also does not think they should have to prove the residency. Discussion ensued amongst the board about how to tighten up the requirement.

***Motion:*** Andy Jones motioned to require a demonstration of Federal documentation or State registration based out of Fairhaven, MA be added to the leasing residency requirements. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous. (5-0-0)

Mr. McNamara will bring this board's request of adding to the residency requirements to the Select Board for approval. Harbormaster Cox will also ask Police Chief, Michael Myers if there can be background checks done on the applicants as well.

**Dredging Updates:**

All contracts have been signed for the West Island Marina grant. Digging has begun on CAD cell #4, behind the North Terminal for the Phase V dredging project. That should be done early 2023. Once complete there will be an update on when the local dredging will begin.

**Harbormaster Updates:**

***Union Wharf***

Mr. Hobson asked about the new boat producing a catch report. Harbormaster Cox stated the boat will have to turn in the report by March 2023.

Mr. Jones asked about a resignation on this Board. Mr. McNamara stated is it up to the Chair if a member is not active, he can ask they be removed and add another member. Mr. McNamara will follow up with a letter to the Select Board to address the situation.

Next meeting will be December 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

***Motion:*** Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. Ms. Potter seconded. Vote was unanimous. (5-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Sheri Souza  
Recording Secretary