



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 5, 2023**

FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK  
RCUD 2023 FEB 8 AM 8:45

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

**Absent:** Member James Moroux

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

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

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Mr. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of November 3, 2022. Mr. Jones seconded.  
Vote. (5-0-0) Mr. Silvia sustained.

**Waterway Rules & Regulations Discussion:**

Harbormaster Cox advised that we had an update from the DMF and are currently updating the Waterways Rules and Regulations so they can be approved by the Marine Resource Committee and then by the Select Board. He will have this available for the committee at the next meeting. Mr. McNamara inquired if this has to be presented at the Town Meeting. Mr. Cox did not think it was necessary but will check with the Town Administrator. Mr. McNamara referenced a motion from last meeting of Union Wharf leases that they present registration to verify they are a legal resident. Mr. Cox stated that would be added if not already noted. Mr. McNamara brought up fees and penalties and the process of eviction and removal. Discussion ensued amongst the board about how better the process of terminating a lease. Mr. Hobson would like dockage sign at Hoppy's Landing changed from one hour to half an hour.

**Public Ramp at West Island Marina-information update:**

Mr. Jones excused himself from discussion. Harbormaster Cox said the Town Administrator is currently getting data from Assessors office regarding the deed. The Town Administrator will be invited to the next meeting and will update on this situation.

**Hoppy's Landing – Harbormaster storage:**

Harbormaster Cox states that the Landfill is going to be turned into a Recycling Center so all of the Marine Recourses equipment stored there will need to be relocated. He is requesting fencing off an area at Hoppy's Landing to accommodate this equipment. Time frame for this relocation is roughly six months and he will bring plans to the next meeting. Discussion ensued regarding Conservation, decreased parking and other location options. Mr. Hobson brought up parking fees. Mr. Jones suggested putting this on next agenda for discussion. Mr. McNamara asked the committee for a show of hands which was 5-1. Item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Dredging Updates:**

Harbormaster Cox is working on getting an engineering contract for the Town Administrator to sign. Dredging is scheduled to start in the Fall. It is up to the contractor as to where they start. He will update the Committee once a scheduled is determined.

**Habormaster Updates:**

Union Wharf received a million dollar grant for construction on the North side and also an additional million dollars for the project. The contract has been submitted for the Town Administrator to sign. It is expected for this work to be started middle to late summer. Harbormaster Cox mentioned that the shoreline took a beating through this last storm with considerable amount of flooding in many neighborhoods and roads and warned that a severe storm would be worse if we were directly hit.

**Shellfish Updates:**

Habormaster Cox said Round Cove is due to open in the Spring and North Cove will close to allow for planting. Mr Hobson questioned why Fairhaven harbor side which test clean is closed to shell fishing. A new biologist at DMF will be reviewing and Mr. Cox will update the committee as information becomes available.

**Any Other Business:**

Habormaster Cox introduced Sharon Mills as his new Administrative Assistant and wished Sherri Souza well in her new position.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

***Motion:*** Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hobson seconded. Vote was unanimous. (6-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Sharon Mills  
Recording Secretary