



Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

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

Absent: N/A

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 February 2, 2023. Mr. Hebert seconded. Vote. (6-0-1) Mr. Silvia abstained.

Introduction – Town Administrator: Angie Lopes Ellison

Mr. McNamara introduced Angie to Committee.

Information update -Public Ramp at West Island Marina:

Mr. Jones excused himself from the table. Angie discussed this matter with town council and gave the following update. She stated that it is a public access both for walking, vehicles and boat trailers. She will work with the Harbormaster and town council and reach out to Mass DEP for options on how to proceed with enforcement. Mr. Jones spoke and states his opinion that it is a private tideland and would be noted on the license as a special condition if it was in fact a public access way. Mr. Hobson spoke, he states that the ramp was originally put in illegally, when it was realized by the state a deal was made for the ramp to be public for a set number of years. Mr Moroux spoke and says he has seen this agreement. Christopher Ingrande spoke via zoom. Discussion ensued about the ramp, license and agreement between previous Marina owner and the State. A letter will be drafted for the DEP for clarification.

Motion to request help from Harbormaster, Town Administrator, Town Council and DEP in understanding the issue at the West Island Marina, possible public boat ramp. Mr. Moroux motioned. Mr. Hebert seconded. (4-1-2)

Hoppy's Landing :

Parking fee and expenditure financial review:

A review of the last ten year's expenditure of Hoppy's Landing was provided to the committee. They have requested additional detail on the expenditures to discuss at the next meeting.

Parking cameras & signage:

Security cameras are located at Hoppy's Landing and signage is clear on what area's parking are for. Mr. MacNamara suggests that cameras be facing East that will show enough detail to get plate numbers and also one more sign at the entrance stating that parking is monitored by surveillance cameras and that violators will be fined. It was discussed and agreed that the timing would be changed for docking from thirty to fifteen minutes. Mr. Cox will be getting quotes on fencing and will update the committee when more information is available.

Harbormaster Updates:

The Harbormaster updated the board about the timeframe for Union Wharf repairs. The dredging of West Island is also in the works. He will update the Committee as more information becomes available from FOTH either at the next meeting or the following. Boats will be displaced in August when repairs start until roughly January 2024. Mr. Hobson asked status of boat that was suppose to vacate. We will revisit at the next meeting with copy of the lease including dates and hopefully receive a catch report. Mr Cox. gave an update on Mr. Hudson Frye who has purchased a larger boat and does not fit into his current slip. Mr Frye will either be paying for the pilings to be moved if possible or the two boats will be moved. Mr. Cox will be drafting a letter to the DEP regarding moving the pilings. Discussion ensued regarding docking spots and seniority. Mr. Moniz spoke regarding the issue and feels he should not be moved.

Shellfish Updates:

Mr. Cox will be getting the quote on the 800 bushels to be planted this year. Discussion ensued about propagation of shellfish.

Any Other Business: None

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

Motion: Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. Mr. Hebert seconded. Vote was unanimous. (6-0-1)

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sharon Mills
Recording Secretary