



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2023**

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. Hobson motioned to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023. Mr. Moroux seconded. Vote. (6-0-1) Mr. Silvia abstained.

Blue Stream Shellfish -Added solar upweller & FLUPSY request:

Dale Leavett if Blue Stream gave a summary of the proposal to install a raft system in Round Cove and answered questions from the board. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed location near a residential area.

Mr. Jones motioned to recommend proposal, Mr Moroux seconded the motion. Mr. Hobson made a motion to disapprove without a second. Vote (5-1-1) to recommend approval to the Select Board.

Hoppy's Landing financial review:

Accounts were reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding revenue and expenditures so far, this fiscal year. Several suggestions were made to lower the expenditures in the future. Mr Hobson spoke regarding the parking and wants the parking fees brought back for all cars entering the lot.

Mr. Hobson motioned to bring back parking fees for all cars from May to the September 30th. Mr.

Moroux seconded. Mr. Hobson added he would like to have winter storage for boats also offered.

Discussion ensued as to what the fees should be. Mr. McNamara amended motion to charge for all parking from May 1st to October 31st at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Hobson motioned, Mr. Moroux seconded, Mr. Jones motioned to discuss that the item does not fall into Hoppy's Landing financial review. Mr McNamara recommended item should be tabled and voted on at the next meeting either to recommend the policy change or not. Vote taken. 2-3-2. Mr. Hobson exited the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding parking, mooring and waterways fees and what the revenue is used for. Item will be on the next agenda for discussion.

Informational update -Public Ramp at West Island Marina:

Mr. Jones excused himself. Mr McNamara went over the report from Town Council and noted that in his opinion it is inconclusive. The committee is still seeking a decision from DEP and cannot make any decisions until that is received.

Harbormaster Updates:

Construction at Union Wharf will go out for bid a few weeks later than planned. This pushes the start date to September. We will be signing the contract for the West Island dredging in the few weeks. Mr Cox and Mr McNamara will attend the West Island Improvement Association's meeting on June 12th. Mr. Cox explained Permit Eyes and the benefits it will bring with tracking mooring locations. Mr. Cox updated the committee on Union Wharf and the safety situation with Hudson Frye getting on and off his vessel. He will keep the boat backed in and will add a ball to benefit boats that need to get by. Updates given on West Island dredging project with timelines for early fall and for Union Wharf construction. It's been 20 years since the Bouchard Oil Spill and many policies have changed for the better with no known lasting effects.

Shellfish Updates:

Round Cove will be opening and North Cove will be closing tomorrow. Relay will start in early July.

Any Other Business: None

Next meeting will be June 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sharon Mills
Recording Secretary