

**Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2020**

Present: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Robert Hobson, Eric Dawicki, Dave Hebert, Andrew Jones, Michelle McNamara and Selectman Robert Espindola was in partial attendance.

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Chairman McNamara called the meeting order at 6:35 pm.

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Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hobson made a motion to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes. Mr. Hebert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Harbormaster Updates:

Union Wharf:

Harbormaster Cox noted that the bid for the construction on Union Wharf was awarded to Biszko Building Systems. The bid was for \$1,214,500.00. There will be a pre-construction meeting in the near future. Mr. Hobson asked if there will be a time frame of when construction will be done. Harbormaster Cox confirmed that there will be. We will forward the time line once it is in hand.

Harbormaster Cox confirmed to the committee that the Aquaculture Fee structure that he noted during the last meeting was incorrect. The correct price is \$200.00 an acre not \$100.00 an acre. He confirmed that all the farms are paid in full at this time.

The Upweller is doing well. He will be planting them in Senior Cove he is waiting to finalize the timeframe.

Mr. Hobson asked about the State's closure of areas close to New Bedford due to contamination. Mr. Cox noted that the City has been having issue with their outfall and he is working with the State to get it reopen, as they know it is a major concern for some Fisherman.

Mooring Ratio:

Chairman McNamara wants to discuss the number of commercial mooring versus residential mooring in order to track growth. There are 132 residential moorings that were permitted this year, approximately 80 commercial. That is a 60/40 ratio. Harbormaster Cox noted there are more residential out there; we are working on getting the actual number. Discussion

Waterways Rules & Regulations Review:

Selectmen Espindola notified the group that the article for the new regulations will possibly be postpone until the May Town Meeting. The committee decided to keep working diligently to complete them in case it does make it onto the Fall Meeting in October. Discussion ensued

regarding review of the new waterway rules and regulations. The last of the suggestions were reviewed and commented on.

New Business:

No new business.

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

The next meeting will be November 5, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved November 5, 2020