

**Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: August 23, 2021**

Present In Person & Via Zoom: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Select Board Member Keith Silvia

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Aquaculture Public Hearing

Morgan Dawiki, representative for Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI), Darryl Klinka, and Dennis Leahey met with the Board in person.

At 6:42 p.m. Chairman Espindola opened the public hearing (Attachment A). Harbormaster Tim Cox explained to the Board NMI, Mr. Klinka, and Mr. Leahey are looking to for the approval of three 2-acre aquaculture farms. Mr. Cox said for all three sites, once the Select Board makes their determination, all three applicants will then have to have the final approval of the Department of Marine Fisheries (DMF), and the Army Corps of Engineers before the aquaculture farms can be started. The applicants have followed the process by notifying their abutters and posting the notice in three public places as well as the newspaper. All applicants must be bonded and have insurance.

Marine Resources Committee Chairman Michael McNamara told the Board the applicants have gone before the Marine Resources Committee and gotten full approval.

Mr. Dawicki told the Board NMI is looking to add the aquaculture farm to develop an associate's degree program in aquaculture. Mr. Klinka and Mr. Leahey are both interested in adding aquaculture farms in front of their properties as family businesses.

Widemarsh Beach residents, Dale Powess, Mike Powess, Gene Nowak, Edward Ready and Brett Fortin asked several questions to the applicants. Some of the concerns were for the water fowl that are in the area, the natural debris that will wash along the shore and disrupting the kayaking in the areas.

Mr. Cox explained the areas chosen for Mr. Leahey and Mr. Klinka are not productive or navigable areas and will not disrupt anything. If the DMF feel these locations are not suitable they will not give them the approval.

At 7:37 p.m. Mr. Espindola closed the public hearing.

Mr. Silvia and Ms. Powers would like to see this move forward and wait to hear what DMF have to say.

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the NMI site location for aquaculture as outlined in the packet. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve Darryl Klinka's site location for aquaculture as outlined in the packet. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Ms. Powers made a motion to approve Dennis Leahey's site location for aquaculture as outlined in the packet. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved September 2, 2021