

Marine Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 19, 2018

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Attendance: Chairman Frank Coelho, Harbormaster Timothy Cox, Robert Hobson, Michael Cordeira, Michelle Potter and Vincent Manfredi were all in attendance.

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Absent: Selectman Daniel Freitas, Patrick Souza, David Hebert and Mike McNamera were absent.

Acceptance of Minutes: March 15, 2018 – Robert Hobson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2018 meeting and was seconded by Michael Cordeira. The motion passed unanimously.

Aquaculture – Discuss Locations:

Chairman Frank Coelho asked the committee for clarification on the aquaculture locations and how to move forward on the topic. Harbormaster Timothy Cox stated the process is starting with a public hearing through the Board of Selectmen. Applicant Matt Loo further explained that each of the three aquaculture applicants have applied and are waiting for the public hearing. Mr. Coelho requested to receive copies of letters that applicants have addressed to the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Cox responded he would ask the Assistant to the Town Administrator, Vicki Paquette, to make copies of the letters.

Mr. Coelho asked what would happen if the applicants were to be turned down at the public hearing. Mr. Cox responded that it is possible some of the public might object because, no matter what spot is chosen, there will be an issue with someone. Robert Hobson asked if the committee would be notified of the public hearing and Mr. Cox assured the committee they would absolutely be notified.

Mr. Coelho asked if there were any further questions. Mr. Loo questioned the regulations, specifically the licensed area size. Mr. Loo asked, according to the regulations, does this mean he can have two extra acres. Both Mr. Coelho and Mr. Cox agreed this should not be an issue.

Union Wharf:

Harbormaster Timothy Cox discussed the construction project at the pier. Mr. Cox stated the change order has been signed; the finish date was supposed to be April 30th but the change order gave ten extra days. The project will be finished by the third week of May. Mr. Cordeira asked if the pile cap would be all concrete and Mr. Cox responded that it would.

On another note, Chairman Frank Coelho stated he had been in contact with the Seaport Economic Council. Mr. Coelho further explained he told Ellen Cebula that we have a boat that has been there for six months, however Ms. Cebula was not aware and she would contact the

Harbormaster. Mr. Cox stated the boat would get a slip. Mr. Hobson stated the boat is not a commercial fishing boat and asked the Harbormaster if he had any rules for Union Wharf regarding commercial boats.

Mr. Manfredi stated the committee should make a recommendation to have a public hearing in front of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hobson continued to mention there are others who would be interested in the spot. Mr. Coelho expressed how the issue was ignored by the Selectmen the previous time it had been presented. Mr. Manfredi insisted the committee write a recommendation to have the Board of Selectmen vote on the motion.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Hobson what the task of North East Maritime was.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hobson asked where the metal float would be going. Mr. Cox presented a map to the committee and stated he was working on the rules and regulations; once finished, the committee can have a further discussion.

Michelle Potter expressed that no matter what the committee advises, they can be overruled by the Harbormaster and Board of Selectmen. Mr. Coelho asked how this situation should be handled. Mr. Manfredi suggested that, once the committee approaches the Board of Selectmen and are overruled, this topic needs to be taken off of the Marine Resources agenda. Mr. Manfredi expressed his willingness to help write a letter to the Selectmen through Chairman Coelho, specifying what the committee wants regarding the spot, fees, etc. Mr. Coelho stated he would wait for the Harbormaster to work on the rules and regulations before proceeding.

Boat Ramps:

Robert Hobson mentioned there was a barrel at Seaview Boat Ramp blocking the drainage and Harbormaster Timothy Cox had asked for the barrel to be removed.

Michael Cordeira asked for an update on shells and Mr. Cox stated they have been ordered but does not have a date yet for pickup.

Mr. Cox informed the committee he had talked to the Fire Department and within the next few weeks, he is going to try to blow the moss away.

Mr. Cox also mentioned he is waiting on the budget to repair Pease Boat Ramp, minor repairs need to be done for the Seaview docks, and touched upon the four steel benches being donated from Voc-Tech.

Mr. Cox requested written notification from the committee of the cars being parked at the Boat Ramp and Chairman Frank Coelho gave an okay.

Harbormaster Updates:

Harbormaster Timothy Cox informed the committee that there is 185,000 worth of seed coming and he requested another 185,000 of seed for the second upweller. The Harbormaster is putting a second float with a mooring at the end.

Mr. Cordeira asked the Harbormaster if he ever looked into buying seed for the soft shell clams. Mr. Cox stated he would look into this.

New Business:

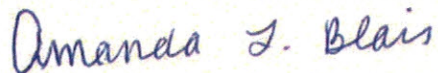
Mr. Hobson mentioned he possibly may not attend the next meeting.

The Harbormaster mentioned he would like to assign Recording Secretary, Amanda Blais, to book the meeting room and videographer going forward.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2018.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,



Amanda L. Blais
Recording Secretary