

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

Town of Fairhaven, MA

Marine Resources Committee

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Committee Members

In Attendance:

Timothy Cox,	Fairhaven Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden
Chairman,	Frank Coelho
Members:	Robert Hobson V.C.
	Vincent Manfredi, Secretary
	Patrick Souza
	Michael Cordeira
	Michelle Potter

Public

In Attendance:

Matt Loo

1. Motion to accept minutes from 11/4 Meeting. – Robert Hobson
Seconded, T. Cox
Approved Unanimous
2. Discussion of Boat Ramps / Wharfs:
Union Wharf lights and electrical service will be in by the end of May. Meter sockets for lobster basin boats will be allowed to be installed thereafter.
Parking at Hoppy's Landing – Tim Cox promises that any people not paid will be ticketed, including those at Down the Hatch (Earl's Marina).
3. Aquaculture:
Taylor Shellfish Buoys were installed as of 5/11/16. Change in business ownership will go before the selectboard in the near future.
How do shellfish aquaculture regulations go forward to ratification by Town of Fairhaven??? Suggestions to get Mark Rees involved. Maybe Selectboard as well. There was consensus among members of the cmte. that on the subject of fees for aquaculture grants in the waters of Fairhaven that we should institute a separate fees structure for grants that are in navigable waters vs. non-navigable areas. This would likely also relate to grant size, as typically offshore grants are larger and occupy a greater area and have a greater production potential, generating more revenue thus the higher charges would be justified, as the grants

in navigable waters are using area that the boating and fishing public might lose access to due to the gear used in such grants.

4. Cmte. voiced desire to have the Shellfish Regulations approved soon.

Adjourn 8:21 PM