

Fairhaven Marine Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2021

Present In Person & Via Zoom: Harbormaster Tim Cox, Chairman Mike McNamara, Robert Hobson, Select Board Member Keith Silvia, Michelle Potter, & Dave Hebert

Absent: Andrew Jones, Eric Dawicki

Chairman McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2021 by Mr. Hobson. Seconded by Mr. Hebert. Motion passed unanimously.

Hoppy's Landing:

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert to move the NMI proposal for use of Hoppy's Landing a community aquaculture site to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Hebert to move the Hoppy's Landing Parking Meter issue to the next meeting. Ms. Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

West Island Dredging:

Susan Nilson from Foth Engineering presented the West Island Dredging Feasibility Study (attachment A).

Union Wharf Small / Lobster Boat Basin Electrical Issues:

Harbormaster Cox made the committee aware that there are some major electrical issues on the Small / Lobster Boat Basin side of Union Wharf. It is old and salt water had deteriorated it. It now needs proper breakers. He met with the Electrical Inspector and they came up with a plan to 'band aid' the issue to get the boats through the winter. This will cost approximately \$5000.00 that Harbormaster Cox he has the funds for. To fix it permanently it will cost \$10,000 - \$20,000. He will put in article in the annual Town Meeting for the money.

Chairman McNamara noted that Union Wharf is the single most dedicated money consumer of all boating activities in Fairhaven. Harbormaster Cox reiterated that the Planning Department is currently doing a feasibility study on Union Wharf to address how to make the most what we have there. Chairman McNamara asked that he be invited to the next feasibility study meeting for Union Wharf, as this committee should be involved.

Mr. Hobson asked about the last Lobster Slip being taken away from the Town. If there was an update regarding that issue. The issue has been postponed until the first of the year per Harbormaster Cox and Select Board Member Silvia.

Mr. Hobson then asked about the parking lot issue at Union Wharf. Select Board Member Silvia stated the Acting Town Administrator Wendy Graves stated the lawyer is creating an RFP for it.

Chairman McNamara stated the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be hauling their tackle out of the water this Saturday.

Business not anticipated Within 48 hours:

Harbormaster Cox gave the committee a storm issue update. He reviewed a few harbor incidents he had to attend too.

The next meeting will be December 2, 2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sheri Souza
Recording Secretary

Approved December 2, 2021