



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2025**

Present: Chair, Michael McNamara, Vice-Chair Andy Jones, Andrew Saunders, Robert Pink, Robert Hobson, David Darmofal and Harbormaster Timothy Cox.

Absent: David Hebert

The meeting was videotaped by Cable Access and Zoom meeting application.

Mr. McNamara opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Mr. McNamara welcomed the new Marine Resource Committee member David Darmofal. He is a former Harbormaster and will be a great addition to our committee.

Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2025:

Motion: Andy Jones motioned to approve minutes. Bob Pink seconded, Vote (4-0-0)

Receive data on parking Permits: Mr McNamara reviewed the revenue for all permits sold. Discussion ensued regarding the figures and the economy that may have impacted sales. The years that Round Cove is open, a greater number of permits are sold traditionally. Mr. McNamara reviewed the revenue for both parking violations and daily fees collected at Hoppy's Landing. Totals have slightly decreased overall and discussion ensued as to whether the permit fee increases impacted the sales.

BPW representative Marine Resources project update: The mooring at Scaview Ave will be moved at the same time the docks are taken out. The town is still working towards starting construction on Water St. Mr. Saunders said the New Bedford Port Authority is dredging and anyone interested in dredging a residential property should contact them.

W.I. /Hoppy's dredging update: We are still waiting on results from the lab. They will be sending options when the samples come back clean.

Union Wharf update: Mr. Cox informed the committee that we have applied for a grant to complete construction and we will find out the results in December. Four boats are leaving for the winter and two boats are temporarily renting the spaces so far. The crane is working and being utilized.

Harbormaster Updates: The Pease Park grant will be awarded in December. The BPW will be doing most of the work if we are awarded the funds. These adjustments will make it much easier to maneuver through the parking lot. Mr. Cox will be meeting with State Representative Mark Sylvia to discuss the needed repairs at Scaview Avenue. Boats are being placed at Hoppy's Landing for Winter Storage.

Shellfish Updates: The relay will not be happening this year due to complications with the vendor. We plan on planting in April and will reopen the cove in July. It was brought up to test off of Egypt Lane and

Mr. Cox will look into that. This would be for the possibility of replanting in another area of town. Mr. Cox explained the process of testing after each shut down due to the cso problem.

Any other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting: Sympathies to the Cox family on the passing of the Harbormasters mother. Veterans Day is next week and Mr. Hobson would like to hang a flag next week at Hoppy's Landing.

Next meeting will be held either January 8th or 15th 2025 at 6:30 pm. If any unforeseen circumstance comes up prior, an earlier meeting will be scheduled.

Motion: Mr. Pink motioned to adjourn. Mr. Jones seconded. Vote (4-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Mills

Recording Secretary