



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

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

Absent: Michelle Potter

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

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

Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2025:

Motion: Mr. Pink motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Jones seconded, Vote (5-0-0)

Results from Selectboard vote on MRC waterway fee recommendation: The recommendation of the Marine Resource Committee was approved by the Selectboard, two dollars per foot for residents and six dollars per foot for non-residents.

BPW representative Marine Resources project update: The BPW is working on attaining funds for multiple road repairs.

Hoppy's Landing maintenance update: Bids were sent out for the repairs at Hoppy's Landing. The dock will be out of the water for approximately one week while being repaired. Mr. Pink asked if any improvements or safety features would be available to add. Discussion ensued regarding the conditions and safety of the area. Mr. Hobson spoke of his vision of what the location could become and that the parking should be reduced for Fairhaven residents. Last year, an osprey started building a nest on top of the crane and had to be wiped off daily. James Moroux is donating supplies to construct a nest for when the bird returns this year. Winter storage has gone smoothly this winter season. There were three vessels stored but will likely have more next year.

Harbormaster updates: FOTH is working on repair costs for Union Wharf. We will hopefully get a grant through SEC for these repairs later this year. Tim was in Alabama and got to see the new boat currently in production. It should be complete by mid-summer and will be a great addition to the town. Seaview ramp will be installed in early April. Discussion ensued regarding what boats are owned by the department and by the town.

Shellfish updates: In May, Round Cove will open and North Cove will be closed to plant 800 bushels. Next season we would like to have an upweller in service. The Nature Conservatory has purchased unmarketable oysters which have been planted in the reefs to repopulate and clean the waters. The closures over the past year has hurt the commercial fisherman tremendously.

**Any other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting:
None**

Next meeting will be held April 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm. If any unforeseen circumstance comes up prior, an earlier meeting will be scheduled.

**Motion: Mr. Jones motioned to adjourn. Mr. Pink seconded. Vote (5-0-0)
The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.**

**Respectively submitted,
Sharon Mills
Recording Secretary**