



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 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 March 6, 2025:

Motion: Mr. Pink motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Hebert seconded, Vote (4-0-0)

Review of Harbor Line zoning: A map of the existing Harbor Line was presented and discussion ensued as to the current line and who the abutters are. Also weather it would be beneficial to have the line moved in or out. The Harbor Line designates what the city is able to build within the perimeters of that line. Mr. Saunders gave a brief history of how the Harbor Line was originally planned. Mr. Cox spoke of the area and the surrounding businesses that could be affected by any change of the line. The Planning Board and Select Board are also discussing this project.

BPW representative Marine Resources project update: There are no updated at this time.

Hoppy's Landing maintenance update: Bids were sent out for the dock repairs and East Coast Marine Maintenance was awarded the job. The decking might also be replaced depending on the final cost and the crane is being replaced with financial help from the state. This work will be started next week due to the weather and should take approximately one week to complete. A request was made for the BPW to grade the parking lot.

Harbormaster updates: We will be applying for a grant through the Seaport Economic Council to construct the last section of Union Wharf. We are waiting for FOTH engineering to provide cost which should be much less than the last round of repairs before applying. The Seaview Ave dock will be in either next week or the week after. A boating class will be held April 12th and 13th at the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Fairhaven Shipyard is applying for a chapter 91 license for construction at their location. Mr. Cox presented a list of the boats that are owned by the department and what each are used for.

Shellfish updates: Shellfish was reopened yesterday. Rain is expected but hopefully not enough to shut it down again. 800 bushels are on an article for Town Meeting to vote on. Tim advised the board that New Bedford is proposing mitigation in exchange for a designated amount of permits be sold to New Bedford residents for an agreed upon price.

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

Next meeting will be held May 1, 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. Hebert seconded. Vote (4-0-0)
The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.**

**Respectively submitted,
Sharon Mills
Recording Secretary**