



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2025**

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

Absent: Michelle Potter, David Hebert

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

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

Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2025:

Motion: Bob Pink motioned to approve minutes. Andy Jones seconded, Vote (3-0-0)

Hoppy's Landing revenue update: Mr. McNamara reviewed a chart displaying the revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year. Discussion ensued in regards to the expenditures and when major repairs would be needed in the future. Winter storage was also discussed and advertising was recommended. Discussion also ensued in regards to the dates the Winter Storage is available and extending the dates on both ends. The revenue brought in through parking violations has decreased but tickets are still outstanding. The parking will be addressed at the next meeting.

BPW representative Marine Resources project update: Mr. Hobson advised the BPW will be removing a mooring at Seaview Ave. that is in the way.

Union Wharf update: We have applied for a grant for construction at Union Wharf and will be submitting an article to cover funds needed to complete all work required. If we do not have funds to complete all repairs we would try again next year.

Harbormaster Update: Core samples for dredging on West Island is still in progress. The state put a small grant out and we are applying to expand the Pease Park Boat Ramp. The BPW would be doing the work and the state would possibly reline the parking spaces. If we do not obtain this grant we will be looking into cutting some trees down. The entire project will cost just over twenty thousand dollars. The escorts are going very well and generating revenue for the town.

Shellfish Updates: Financials were given to the board and will be an agenda item for the next meeting. The vessel supplying quahogs for our relay is back running and North Cove will be planted in the near future. Oysters open on October 1st and Scallops open on November 1st for fishing. Oysters are plentiful. The dock at Seaview will most likely come out mid-November.

Any other business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting: Discussion ensued regarding the dates in the contract for Hoppy's Winter Storage. The insurance will be updated

to reflect the any changes that are decided. The boards opinion is to offer the storage from mid-October through May 15th.

Motion: Mr. McNamara motioned to change the dates from October 31st to October 10th pending assuring that we have insurance coverage. No one seconded.

Discussion ensued as to who would make this decision. Michelle is resigning from the committee and a vacancy will be advertised when available.

Next meeting will be held November 6, 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 (3-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Mills

Recording Secretary