



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2026**

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

**Absent:** David Hebert, Andrew Saunders

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

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

**Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2025:**

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

**BPW representative Marine Resources project update:** The gas company is currently digging up Water Street. Once done, the BPW will start their work. Discussion ensued regarding the barrels at Union Wharf. Mr. Darmofal would like the committee to ask the BPW to put the barrels back with some sort of lid. Mr. Cox will inquire with Voke what materials would be needed to construct.

**W.I./Hoppy's dredging update:** Mr. McNamara read an update from FOTH. They have sent samples and are waiting on these results to coordinate this project. Discussion ensued about the slow progress and the scope of whole dredging project.

**Municipal Grants:** Mr. Darmofal gave a brief history of Union Wharf grants that started around 2007-2008. He spoke of plans for a Harbormaster office with possible commercial space. This permit is in place and has been renewed over the years. Discussion ensued about the possibilities of what the space could accommodate. The town was awarded a one million dollar grant to complete the last phase of repairs and this will go out to bid sometime in February or March. The construction will start in the Fall. The Department of Fishing and Boating awarded us with a grant to extend the parking lot at Pease Park and this project will start early spring.

**Town ramp docking rules:** We have had a few incidents of people taking advantage of the ramps in the recent past. We would like to add a statement in the Rules and Regulations that the time limit is fifteen minutes so this can be officially enforced. A fine will be added for offenders. A boat was dumped at the end of Little Bay and will be hauled to Hoppy's Landing tomorrow. Mr. Darmofal suggested the fees collected for these fines be used to fund these types of issues.

**Harbormaster Updates:** At the end of October the mooring and barrel of concrete was removed from Hoppy's Landing. The department is currently working on the FY27 budget. Training is underway on the new emergency vessel and will be put to use this boating season.

**Shellfish Updates:** The beds have been open but frozen. We are on schedule to plant quahogs in April. Discussion ensued regarding New Bedford's outflow issue and what can be pursued legally.

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

**Next meeting will be held February 19th 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 (4-0-0)  
The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

**Respectively submitted,  
Sharon Mills  
Recording Secretary**