



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2026**

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

**Absent:** David Hebert, Andy Jones

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

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

**Approval of Minutes from: January 8, 2026**

**Motion: Mr. Pink motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Darmofal seconded, Vote (3-0-0)**

**Aquaculture Lease request to Matt Loo from Stephen Doonan: Mr. Cox is in favor of the transfer to Matt Loo. A map of the area was shown and described. A small number of oysters occupy the space currently. Discussion ensued regarding the aquaculture licenses and the rules that the owners have to adhere to.**

**Motion: Mr. Darmofal motioned to recommend to the Select Board to approve the transfer. Mr Pink seconded.**

**BPW representative Marine Resources project update: Mr. Hobson reported on the clean up efforts following the blizzard.**

**W.I./Hoppy's dredging update: Some additional biological testing needs to be completed that was not expected. This is due to some heavy metals that were detected North of the causeway. No time lines were available but the process has been much longer than anticipated. We will invite FOTH to attend a future meeting for a more in-depth update. Mr. Saunders would like to know how long the permit is good for and Dr. Darmofal would like to have Plan A and Plan B.**

**Town ramp docking rules: A few incidents of boats being left at the docks for longer periods of time than allowed has happened. Signs were put up last year with a fifteen minute limit of occupying dock space however the official rules do not specify any restrictions. We will research some options and revisit at a future meeting.**

**North Side Union Wharf - rent increase: Two slips accommodating 60 feet or less are on the North Side of Union Wharf. They currently pay \$1500.00 per year. We have invested funds to improve this area and would like to increase the fee to what the South Side pays which is 2305.05. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the rental spaces at Union Wharf.**

**Motion: Mr. Darmofal motioned to recommend the fee be increase to \$2305.05. Mr. Pink seconded. (3-0-0)**

**Harbormaster Updates:** Mr. Cox spoke of the cleanliness of Union Wharf. Mr. Darmofal would like to implement fees for anyone that leaves unapproved items on the dock for longer than 48 hours. He will draw up a regulation to present at the next meeting for review. Mr. Cox reviewed plans to expand and beautify Pease Park. New all weather picnic tables will be ordered for Hoppy's Landing. The dock at Seaview Avenue will go in sometime in April. Mr. Cox reviewed plans to rearrange Union Wharf and include a new seating area. Discussion ensued about the construction plans.

**Shellfish Updates:** We will be first on the list to plant at the end of April to plant North Cove. After July 1<sup>st</sup> we will plant Round Cove.

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

**Next meeting will be held April 9th at 6:30 pm. If any unforeseen circumstance comes up prior, an earlier meeting will be scheduled.**

**Motion:** Mr. Darmofal motioned to adjourn. Mr. Pink seconded. Vote (3-0-0)  
**The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.**

**Respectively submitted,  
Sharon Mills  
Recording Secretary**