



**Fairhaven Marine Resources Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2026**

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

**Absent:** David Hebert, Andy Jones, 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: April, 2026**

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

**FOTH Engineering -W.I. Dredging:** Paul Marsala was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a family emergency but he will be here next month for a full update. Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe of the project and the possibility of additional testing that may be needed.

**BPW representative Marine Resources project update:** Mr. Hobson spoke of the construction on Water Street. The Town Beach and Hoppy's Landing parking lots have been graded. Docks have been put in at Seaview Ave Boat Ramp.

**Harbormaster Updates:** Mr. Sullivan is in attendance to discuss the dredging in front of his property on Balsam St. He explained his plan to dredge and is looking to lower the mitigation fee. There is not a fee in place for mitigation due to dredging. The plans will be emailed to the committee and will be discussed at the next Marine Resource Committee meeting. Pump out services will be available starting next weekend. The boats at Hoppy's for winter storage are all gone except for one. Discussion ensued regarding the derelict boat left at Little Bay. We had a walk through at Union Wharf with a few contractors that will be bidding on the construction project. The work will begin at the end of October.

**Shellfish Updates:** Propagation of North Cove is complete and we will be reaching out to the state to ask for permission to open the cove in July.

**Waterway Rules & Regs -Section 5 – Union Wharf:** Mr. McNamara spoke of the history of the Rules and Regulations. He would like to go through the Union Wharf section. Numbers may need to be updated and will be researched. Some redundancy may be eliminated. Discussion ensued regarding fees and fines and how they will be presented on the document. The bylaws will need to be reviewed regarding derelict vessels and what the Coast Guard is allowed to do. Discussion ensued regarding the Small Boats and the timeframe of the contracts due date and when new applications should be due.

**Motion: Mr Darmofal motioned to table this agenda item to the next meeting. Mr. Pink seconded. Vote (3-0-0)**

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

**Next meeting will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> 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 8:25 pm.**

**Respectively submitted,  
Sharon Mills  
Recording Secretary**