

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 9, 2016**

**Town of Fairhaven, MA**

**Marine Resources Committee**

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

*Committee Members*

*In Attendance:*

Mark Rees	Town Administrator
Daniel Freitas	Selectman / Selectboard MRC designee
Timothy Cox, Chairman,	Fairhaven Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden
Members:	Frank Coelho
	Robert Hobson V.C.
	Vincent Manfredi, Secretary
	Patrick Souza
	Michael Cordeira
	Michelle Potter

*Public*

*In Attendance:*

Matt Loo  
Kathryn Sayles  
David Darmofal  
Matt Hebert

1. F. Coelho, thanks Dan Freitas and Mark Rees for attending meeting to get up to speed with the issues we deal with.
2. Motion to accept minutes from 5/12/16 Meeting. – Robert Hobson  
Seconded, M. Potter  
Approved Unanimous
3. F. Coelho – Update on correspondence / communications to MRC:  
Calls from many concerned that Earl's Marina was granted 20 parking passes for Hoppy's Landing to let patrons use while at the facility and restaurant / bar without following intended use for property.  
V. Manfredi reads CMR to alert all at the meeting of State Law and Policy and of the land use agreement with Office of Fishing and Boating Access.  
Frank met with Mark Rees to explain that we were not even following Town Policy by having the vehicle registrations attached to the permits, as all other users have to do.

R. hobson would like to see all stickers have a registration attached for record so “permit passing” does not happen.

Committee in agreement with all stated reasoning that this was a bad precedent to set.

Mark Rees admits that these were issued in error and that it was a bad idea. He also includes that a parking kiosk that is automated (cash and charge) which issues day permit receipts is being researched and bids are coming in so we can install these at all three boat ramp facilities.

D. Darmofal indicates that “traditional” e.g. beachgoers / shorefisherman / shellfishermen on foot / picnickers... were not customarily charged in the past or held to the standard. Dan Freitas said he wants to agree with this logic, and the committee was against this thought, since it is unfair to charge one user type without charging all users. How this would be made equitable seems difficult. Mark Rees agrees that a parking plan should be posted that delineates the trailer parking for boaters and the regular vehicle spaces as well as a cartop/kayak/paddle access area that is to be encouraged. Committee unanimous in agreement about that. Signage was promised in the near term at this meeting and the harbormaster said he would take care of it.

M. Cordeira recommends that 2 ADA accessible spaces be located near the street entrance with members in general agreement, some resistance from Selectman Frietas and TA Rees due to stringent ADA requirements. Point was made that we have funds in the Hoppy’s Landing Fund which could be appropriated to this purpose.

Matt Hebert mentions that the Earl’s use of the parking lot is limited to the Spring Scup and Sea Bass charters which may not be allowed from the Marina next year anyway.

4. Bales of Hay for removal of rock and sediment pile south of the Hopp’s Ramp will be ordered soon and the dinghy rack at Hoppy’s will be assembled soon –T. Cox.
5. Shellfish Aquaculture Regulations – Mark Rees outlines guide to finalization: We finish, T.Crotty reviews, BOS agenda item and vote to ratify.
6. Next meeting fees for Aquaculture to be discussed. July 14 6:30 PM.

Adjourn 8:30 PM