Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017
Town of Fairhaven, MA
Marine Resources Committee

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

On January 19, 2017 the MRC met at 6:30 PM with Selectboard BOS representative Dan Freitas in attendance. A list of area communities' slip fees for small commercial vessels compared to rates presently charged by the Town of Fairhaven was presented by Tim Cox with more than 50% of tenant vessel owners in attendance (see below). After discussion of the numerous thefts that occurred on vessels docked at Union Wharf Lobster Basin during 2016 and lack of adequate lighting and cameras to deter such activity, the MRC voted unanimously with one abstention to recommend to your board that fees be held at 2016 rates for 2017. We also agreed to reassess rates for 2018 later this year. It was the opinion of the public, vessel owners and the MRC that Union Wharf improvements to lighting and restoration of dockside AC electricity (Shore Power) be completed for all Basin tenants ASAP. These items are part of the unfinished agreement the town has with the contractor and may be delayed by the electric utility provider. It is our opinion that the Town of Fairhaven employees overseeing this grant and contract should make every effort to ensure that these overdue items be finished expediently. The tenants have been inconvenienced and left vulnerable by the project not being completed. Improvement of security camera resolution / coverage was also discussed to deter thieves and vandals from disturbing the private property of the wharf tenants.

V/R,

Members of the Marine Resource Committee

Letter from Timothy Powers was read about proposed fee increase.

Committee Members
In Attendance:

Timothy Cox, Chairman, Members:	Fairhaven Harbormaster / Shellfish Warden
	Frank Coelho
	Robert Hobson V.C. recused
	Vincent Manfredi, Secretary
	Patrick Souza
	Michelle Potter
	Michael Cordeira
	Daniel Freitas

Public
In Attendance:

Aaron Cebula	
Ted Lorentzen	Arthur DeCosta
Wayne Frye	Eric Moniz