

Sec. 9-92. Falmouth Harbor/Waterfront Committee.

(a) *Purpose:* The Falmouth Harbor/Waterfront Committee exists for the general purpose of studying and evaluating public use and access to coastal waters; to advise the town council on policy matters and proposed regulations concerning the town's coastal waters; to oversee the maintenance and care of town owned waterfront facilities through the harbormaster and in conjunction with state and federal authorities. The harbor/waterfront committee sits as a board of appeals to hear an appeal from any person aggrieved by any decision, act or failure to act by the harbormaster. The committee shall regularly inform the town council, planning board, and such other boards, committees, commissions, or officials of the town of its activities, as is appropriate. The harbor/waterfront committee shall be consulted by the town council before any moratorium on moorings is enacted.

(b) *Organization:*

- (1) The Falmouth Harbor/Waterfront Committee shall consist of seven (7) ~~members, residents of the town. -with-~~ There shall also be two (2) non-voting ex-officio members. one (1) ~~resident~~ representing Handy Boat, and one ~~resident~~ representing Portland Yacht Club. ~~The All~~ seven (7) resident members shall be appointed by the town council. The two (2) ex-officio members do not need to be residents of the town, shall be nominated by their respective organization and the town council must confirm or reject the nominations. - Each committee member shall be a resident of the Town of Falmouth- All members, including voting members and ex-officio members ~~and~~ shall serve without compensation.
- (2) Neither a municipal officer nor his/her spouse may be a member of the committee.
- (3) Any questions of whether a particular issue involves a conflict of interest sufficient to disqualify a member from voting thereon shall be decided by a majority vote of the members, except the member who is being challenged.
- (4) The town council shall have the power to remove any member of the harbor/waterfront committee for cause and shall have the power to replace appointees who leave the committee. The chairman of the committee shall notify the town council chairman of the forfeiture of office by a committee member.
- (5) The term of office of a member shall be three (3) years.
- (6) The committee shall annually in the month of October elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary from its membership and may create and fill such other offices as it may determine. Officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (7) The committee shall conduct its meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order (10th edition).

(Ord. of 3-25-2002, § 1; Ord. of 1-27-2003; Ord. of 4-24-2006; Ord. of 11-27-2006)