



Harbor Development Committee Minutes

January 14, 2026

Members in attendance: Marco Boer (Chair), Nick Amdur, Thomas Kelley, Allie Koskinas, Paul Gannon, Celia McLane, Callum Johnstone, and guests Sean Paylor and Will Borger (former Hingham resident, now at Island Creek Oysters)

1. Call to Order: approximately 7:30pm
2. November meeting notes approved.
3. HDC was approached by high school freshman Jake Corentti with an offer to help with an Eagle Scout project to restore the summer harbormaster building Town Wharf. He'll investigate what the Boy Scout requirements are to complete such a project, and HDC will help facilitate his project with fundraising for materials and hands on help. The goal would be to complete this project in May.
4. Following on prior discussions about the State's conditional approval for shellfishing, HDC will sponsor an educational event to be presented by Mass Oyster on Sunday May 9th at 30 Summer street. Local resident Sean Paylor is facilitating this event, with the goal to raise awareness for shellfishing in Hingham. Hingham is one of 3 towns (Hull and Winthrop are the others) that has been provisionally granted approval for shellfishing. The Harbormaster is in process of drafting the regulations for shell fishing in Hingham, and State agencies will monitor water conditions, etc.
5. Programming for the Summer of 2026 includes a concert with Booty Vortex on July 2, and possibly a repeat of the drone show depending on our lead sponsor from 2025. We'll know more by February if they are interested in sponsoring again. One big issue is we will not have two key sponsors from last year. This creates a \$20,000 shortfall. Options to raise funding to replace this include:
 - a. A raffle of a bench in the harbor. At \$50 a ticket, we'd need to sell 60 just to break even.
 - b. A \$350 fee for participating food truck vendors, and a revenue sharing deal with a beer vendor
 - c. The creation of a Town celebration budget to offset some of the cost of hosting Town events
 - d. A "sip and chuck" educational event about oysters at the bathing beach; a clambake. Both would be positioned as educational events with food and drink
 - e. VIP parking and access to the VIP room for a \$200 fee, limited to a 25 couples



6. The stolen \$100 coyote decoy is still pinging. We think we might be able to identify the apartment in Weymouth by getting closer with the iPhone that is tracking it. One idea is to put up "missing coyote" posters in the apartment building to encourage the thief to return it
7. Little progress has been made on master plan implementation ideas, but Celia McLane has put forth a great other programming idea: "Snowport" in Hingham. An event company would manage this (but HDC would be responsible for the upfront investment in tents/stands), and it would bring people to the harbor during the off-season. Once the infrastructure investment is made, we could host Oktoberfest, St. Patrick's Day, and lots of other events that could generate income to subsidize other celebration events
8. The next meeting will be Tuesday February 17, 2026. JR Frey will provide an update on the permitting status of the replacement of the wharves.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm