

TOWN OF MARION - Marion Marine Resources Commission
01/22/2026
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Vin Malkoski (Chair), Scott Cowell, Ray Cullum, Cheryl Souza, Tad Wollenhaupt, Michael Moore (Secretary)

Guests Present: Adam Murphy (Harbormaster - remote), Davis Sanford, Tucker Burr, Fred Trezise, Tom Crowley, Rimma Sokolovska, Mal Durkey

The meeting was called to order at 18:07

Meeting Agenda

1. Review and approve November 19, 2025, minutes. Proposed Tad Wollenhaupt, seconded Scott Cowell. Unanimously approved.
2. Harbor Management & Capital Projects.
 - a. Welcomed two members of the town Finance Committee as ex-officio meeting attendees to assist with budget liaison with the town.
 - b. Discussed 5-year leases for new vehicle and forklift, budget otherwise level.
 - c. There will be a shortfall. Budget planning timeline is incompatible with January billing. Annual income must support budget.
 - d. Discussion about parking, especially on Island Wharf grass. Parking now more of an issue on Fridays, given town band concert now on that night. Island Wharf planning is a bigger issue than marine related uses.
 - e. Eight kayak racks still at Silvershell. Should they return to Island Wharf, where space is now more limited given the Maritime Center expansion?
 - f. Bird Island light restoration cost exceeds \$1M – a broader issue than MRC. Marine Department does the small maintenance. The metalwork needs major restoration.
 - g. Discussion of need for boat excise and other town taxes to be paid prior to issue of harbor permit, where boats that are moored in more than one town, and where the excise tax should be paid.
3. Shellfish Management – no discussion.
4. Draft MRC Charter
 - a. Authority and purpose is limited to the Water District, yet current expectations are that MRC manages Island Wharf.
 - b. Discussion of suggested membership composition. Need to define if member terms are renewable or not.
 - c. Duties and responsibilities are variably relevant to the MRC. Nothing about budget planning and approval process. No discussion of property management responsibilities.
 - d. Chair will draft a response for MRC will review at February meeting.

Motion to adjourn 19:08 Tad Wollenhaupt proposed, Cheryl Souza, seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Moore (Secretary).