Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 21ST, 2024, 3:30 PM ET 24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman Dave Crocker John Donahue Scott Donnelly Eric Moira Jim Sloman

Participating Guests:

Susan Areson, Truro Select Board Vice Chair Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM, declaring that a quorum of full-time Members was present and noting that we had 100% Member attendance.

2. Review and Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The Commission carefully reviewed and discussed the 02/22/2024 meeting minutes. After thoroughly assessing, Dave proposed a **Motion** to approve them, it was seconded by Scott, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**. The minutes were then immediately delivered to the Town Clerk for publication on the Truro Town website.

3. MA Dredging program FY 2025 Grant availability

Tim asked John to provide an update on the newly unveiled FY 2025 MA Executive Office of Economic Development Dredging and Waterfront programs. John began by commenting that there are two grant programs that seem to perfectly address Truro's needs and that Truro appears to be exceptionally qualified for:

- I. MA FY 25 Dredging Program Grants
 - supports seaport community dredging programs with up to \$2.5 million in funding, a 50% non-state match is required,



- there are four new evaluation criteria: 1. Economic Vitality (financial benefit to the commercial fishing industry), 2. Vibrant Waterfront (access and enhancements for recreational fishing), 3. Marine Safety (sustaining harbor navigability), and 4. Ecosystem Health (environmentally sound reuse of dredging sediment to enhance beach and dune replenishment),
- the deadline for applications is April 19th, 2024.

II. Seaport Economic Council (SEC) Grants

- funding is designated for design and permitting studies, harbor related consulting work and the design and construction of public harbor front structures,
- grants are up to \$1 million and require only a 20% non-state match, the deadline is May 1, 2024.

Donahue concluded by pointing out that these programs address spending needs (e.g. harbor dredging, design studies for a permanent North Jetty solution) that Truro will inevitably incur, and they would provide direct economic relief to Truro Taxpayers.

Sue Areson volunteered to introduce these available programs to the Truro DPW Director and Town Assistant Manager in hopes that applications can be submitted, if applicable, before the filing deadlines.

4. North Jetty Dune Discussion

Members discussed the status and effectiveness of the North Jetty to Corn Hill beach dune embedded coir rolls and sand dune configuration. The consensus of the group was that this short-term solution appeared to be maintaining most of its structural integrity and mitigating further erosion. Tony mentioned that Truro DPW was planning to bolster the existing dune by depositing more sand and eventually planting dune grass.

Members encouraged the DPW to take all additional steps (e.g. reinstalling the Jersey barriers, fences etc.) to supplement erosion mitigation.

5. Wood and Debris Removal from the North Jetty

Before the meeting, Eric distributed an extensive array of recent photos depicting material amounts of debris (e.g. wooden planks, tree branches, tires etc.) that had washed up and remained on the north side of the North Jetty. He underscored the extensive navigation risk this material brings to vessels as this debris ebbs out into the channel and approach.

Tony reported that DPW was notified of this hazard and agreed to have it all removed. Sue Areson reminded the Commission that any work involving vehicular traffic on the beach would likely need to be completed by April 1st when endangered bird beach access restriction is effective lerk

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6. Harbor Esthetic Improvements Update

Scott provided a comprehensive update of the diligence he completed since the last meeting and began by stating that he:

- spoke to the Truro Community Preservation Committee about potential content and funding for the envisioned Outdoor Exhibit and received a warm response,
- engaged with prospective vendors and obtained preliminary quotes for creating and installing the displays, and
- he shared several pictures, illustrating the variety of quality products these vendors have provided in communities.

The membership thanked Scott for all his creative energy and work in advancing this initiative. Tim proposed a **Motion** encouraging Scott to continue pursuing the Outdoor Exhibit project scoping, funding, and production for installation in 2025; this was seconded by Eric, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

7. Mooring and Float Assignment and Waiting Lists

Tony distributed copies of the current Mooring and Float Assignment and Waiting List (please see attached as EXHIBIT 1) and discussed the process for administering the List. This List currently is posted on the wall in the Harbor Masters Pilot House. Commission members discussed the enhanced transparency and community usefulness placing this on the Harbor Masters website would deliver.

Dave proposed a **Motion** to recommend that this List be added to the Truro Harbor Master's website, it was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

8. Draft Pamet Harbor Commission Annual Report

Dave and Tim had earlier distributed a draft of this document for review prior to the meeting. After a brief discussion, Members unanimously concurred that this was an exceptionally well-done report and congratulated and thanked Dave and Tim for their efforts. Scott proposed a **Motion** to recommend that, after final edits are complete, to request that Dave submit the document for inclusion in the Truro Annual Report; this was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

9. Adjournment

At 4:45 PM after determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the proceedings; it was seconded by Eric and unanimously approved by the Members present and **Granted**.

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EXHIBIT 1.

Tidal Mooring Wait List 2023

lumber	Nam <u>e</u>	Paid	Number	<u>Name</u>	Paid
umber 1	William Kull	x	31	Phoebe Judge	X
	Bart Hoey	х	32	Ron Stern	X
2	Thomas Pflanz	x	33	Todd Misiura	x
3	John McGann	x	34	Bob Ryan	x
4	Adam & Kelli Thomas	×	35	Tony Camilo	8/1/2023
5		x	36	Doug & Ted Straus	8/8/2023
6	Chris CzekaJ	X	37	Eric Oehling	8/9/2023
7	Susan Areson		38	Cyrus Claffy	8/10/2023
8	David Greiner	X	39	Frederico Largo	8/12/2023
9	Stan Bratskeir	X	40	Seamus Gilson	8/16/2023
10	Mike Fee	X	40	Charles Cornell	8/21/2023
11	John Donahue	Х	41	Jan Worthington	8/24/2023
12	Wendy Lawrence	Х		Sharon Santangelo	8/25/2023
13	Marie Macrorie	X	43	Sharon Santangero	0/20/2000
14	Orion White	Х	44		
15	Paul Rennert	Х	45		
16	William Hildreth	x	46		
17	Tim Richards	Х	47		
18	Lori and Michael Klawitter	х	48		
19	Jason Moriarty	х	49		
20	Richard Dimino	х	50		
21	Marko Stamenovic	x	51		
22	John Sugrue	х	52		
23	Sandra Wheeler	x	53		
24	Michael Grossman	х	54		
25	Kristen Vincent	x	55		
26	Jacqueline Bernat	х	56		
27	Andrew Colameta	х	57		
28	Michael Walsh	х	58		
29	Mo Haghighi	x	59		
30	Ben Zimmerli	х	60		

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