

Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday February 22nd, 2024, 3:00 PM ET
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman
Dave Crocker
John Donahue
Scott Donnelly
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

Vice-Chairman Crocker called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM and declared that a quorum of full-time members was present.

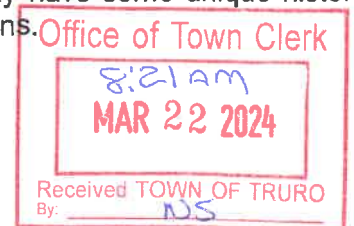
2. Review and Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The Commission carefully reviewed and discussed the 01/18/2024 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 immediately provided to the Town Clerk for publication on the Truro Town website.

3. Harbor Esthetic Improvements Update

Scott and Tony provided an overview of the progress advanced since the last meeting:

- a. Harbor Master Pilot House – Tony has scheduled painting and refurbishment to be conducted and completed by Truro DPW in the Fall of 2024,
- b. Shellfish/Marine Life/Harbor History Informational Boards – Scott highlighted recent discussions he had with Dan Smith (Chairperson Shellfish Advisory Committee) on potential shellfish topic categories and content sources. John suggested that Pamet Marine Life and the rich history of the Harbor could be interesting topics. Sue conveyed that the Town's Community Conservation Committee may have some unique historical materials which could be incorporated into the presentations.



- c. Repositioning the Portable Rest Facilities to a less conspicuous location – this is under review by the Harbormaster and DPW. Maintaining safe and unincumbered launch and haul access to the ramps is paramount. The Commission will also evaluate if the aforementioned Information Boards could play an effective role in blocking the now prominent sight of the blue porta-potties.

4. Harbor Fee Discussion

The Commission briefly rediscussed the decisions previously made at the January meeting, now memorialized in the public minutes.

5. North Jetty Dune Discussion

Members turned their attention to the ongoing erosion mitigation at the North Jetty Dune. Several commented that it appears the current coir rolls and sand dune configuration appears to be holding up and mitigating the rate of erosion. Tony added that DPW will be reloading substantially more sand to further bolster the barrier in March of 2024.

6. Discussion

Tony provided the Commission with an informative overview of the MA Harbormaster training sessions he's currently participating in. Commission members applauded his commitment to continuous professional development.

He also reported on the Harbor budget process, highlighting that an Assistant Harbor Master position will be included for a July 1, 2024, start.

7. Adjournment

After determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the proceedings; it was seconded by Scott and unanimously approved by the Members present and **Granted**.

Approved
Tina Silva *Chair* *3/21/24*

