

Minutes of the Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 19th 2021 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM ET
Pamet Harbor Parking Lot, 75 Depot Road, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman
John Donahue
Eric Moira
Stanley Sigel
Gerry Woodcome

Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster
Gary Sharpless, Assistant Harbormaster

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Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and declared that a quorum of members was present. He also reiterated that the proceeding was to be conducted outdoors and in full compliance with both CDC and Town of Truro Health Department COVID Infection Protection Protocols. The attached agenda was reviewed and the meeting was fully underway.

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2. Appointing a Commission Secretary

The Chairman announced the need for one of the members to act as Secretary to the Commission. After a brief discussion, the Chairman nominated Member Donahue, made a **Motion** to approve the appointment, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 2019 to January 2020

The Commission was presented with copies of each of the respective documents for review and discussion. After a brief dialogue and a minor non-substantive edit, the Chairman made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

4. Review of the last 18 months and discussion of dredging needs

The Chairman engaged the Members and Harbormaster Jackett in a review of the progress made to enhance the navigability of the harbor and to improve the operational conditions of the ramp, docks and mooring capabilities. Discussion further ensued around several pertinent opportunities including: obtaining additional dredging funding (e.g., MA Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Dredging Program) and seeking legislative solutions to relax the nonapplicable wildlife protection restrictions creating an untenably short (Feb 1 to Apr 15) window to conduct dredging operations. Member

Donahue was advised to continue discussions with the director of the MA Dredging Program (Nicholas Bulens) and to engage with Kelly Clark to prepare steps for a March 2022 Truro application for funding.

5. Extending the North Jetty interior to mitigate further erosion and breaching

The Chairman and Harbormaster Jackett highlighted the erosion and breaching risk to the exposed gap between the easterly most end of the North Jetty and the southerly most dune on Corn Hill beach. The Commission discussed the risk this posed to harbor navigability and marine life and endorsed the Harbormaster's proposed solution to extend the North jetty structure northeasterly into the dune to block this gap. After extensive discussion, the Chairman made a **Motion** to approve seeking funding and stakeholder authorization to extend the North Jetty, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

6. Boat ramp concrete repair and potential dock space expansion

Chairman Silva and Harbormaster Jackett reviewed the deteriorating conditions of the lower concrete apron of the boat ramp. They highlighted the safety and access risk this concrete degradation presents. Harbormaster Jackett recommended repairing the area in question with a fresh, quick drying concrete application. He advised that he will advance discussions with Douglas Cameron (Director & Chief Engineer MA Fishing and Game, Office of Boating Access) and Ross Kessler (Public Access Coordinator, MA Recreational Fishing Program). After additional dialogue, the Chairman made a **Motion** to approve seeking funding and stakeholder authorization to repair the ramp, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

The discussion next turned to the current dock structure, operational efficiency of waterfront activity and parking lot traffic flow. Member Moira and others raised suggestions to improve safety and efficiency including enhanced signage in the parking lot and on the dock. Harbormaster Jackett led a discussion on the merits of extending the dock 16' easterly via the addition of two 8' dock units and one piling. He also cited that Director Cameron and Coordinator Kessler were engaged to assist in designing, approving and funding this expansion. The Chairman made a **Motion** to approve seeking funding and stakeholder authorization to expand the dock, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

7. Open discussion and Adjournment

After concluding open discussion, the Chairman made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM, it was seconded, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

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