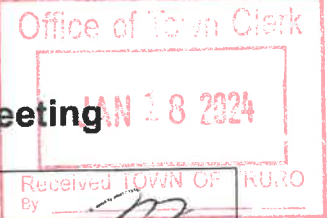


## Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting



Wednesday December 20, 2023, 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  
Eric Moira

### Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

### Order of Business:

#### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:09 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 10/12/2023 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**.

#### 3. Update from the DPW Director on the North Jetty Project

Prior to the meeting, Truro DPW Director Jarrod Cabral submitted a previously published report summarizing the status of and next steps relating to the North Jetty Project (please see the document attached as **EXHIBIT 1**.) Members discussed the update and observed that the coir rolls appeared to successfully protect the gap, and withhold the force, from the Southerly prevailing storm earlier in the week.

#### 4. Update on Dredging

Tony reported that the Barnstable Dredge arrived in the Pamet on November 13<sup>th</sup>, dredging progress has been significantly impaired by high winds, mechanical failures, staffing issues and insufficient discharge pipe availability. The Harbormaster went on to observe that the Cod Fish II was currently focused on Basin sediment removal and hasn't yet addressed the outer channel/approach where sand shoaling has been most acute and prevalent.

Members requested that Tony distribute County Dredge Director Ken Cirillo's Pamet Harbor sediment removal progress report before the dredge departs the Pamet. The Commission wants to ensure that the 2023 survey plan (particularly approach and outer channel work) is successfully completed before the vessel moves on to the next assignment.

## 5. Discussion of 2024 "Back Up" Dredging Plans

Commission members discussed the need to create back up plans for 2024 if our scheduled and funded dredging commitments are placed at risk. Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** requesting that Town Management create a 2024 plan to identify and secure alternative dredging capabilities to ensure our much-needed sediment removal continues next year. It was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

Tony relayed that Truro's Assistant Town Manager advised him that Barnstable County Dredging rates are likely to increase dramatically (25% to 50%) above our current \$12 per cubic yard rate in July 2024.

## 6. Open Discussion

Scott introduced some potential Pamet Harbor site enhancements to be discussed and evaluated at the next meeting. These included:

- the previously budgeted painting of the Pilot House,
- repositioning the portable restrooms to a less conspicuous and prominent spot,
- considering kayak racks to improve the organization of the waterfront,
- erecting informational boards that help educate the public on important Pamet Harbor environmental, shellfish and marine life issues.

## 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 Dave and unanimously approved by the Members present and **Granted**.

*Approved minutes 1/18/24*

*TSA chair PHC*