

## Minutes of the Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022; 6:00 to 7:00 PM ET  
Truro Public Safety Facility, 344 Route 6, Truro MA 02666

### Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman  
John Donahue (telephonic)  
David Crocker  
Gerry Woodcome

### Participating Guests:

Susan Areson, Truro Select Board Representative  
Tony Jackett, Harbormaster

### Order of Business:

#### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and declared that a quorum of members was present. The attached agenda was reviewed, and the meeting was fully underway.

#### 2. Update on the Commission's Charge

Susan Areson reported that the new Charge the Commission reviewed and approved will be discussed at the January 25, 2022 Truro Select Board meeting. She indicated that some minor edits may be applied, and if so, a revised document will be circulated to the Commission and Select Board. The Commission discussed the need to review and potentially revise the Pamet Harbor Management plan which is referenced as a governing document in the Charge.

#### 3. Review and Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2021

The Commission was presented with copies of the respective document for review and discussion. After a brief dialogue, the Chairman made a **Motion** to approve the Minutes, it was seconded by Gerry, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

#### 4. Appointment of Officers

The Chairman introduced the need to appoint officers for the Commission. A discussion took place on the various roles and volunteers were requested. After a discussion, the Commission concluded that Timmy would remain as Chairman, Dave would act as Vice-Chairman and John would continue as Secretary. Gerry made a **Motion** to approve the appointments, it was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

#### 5. Dinghy Dock Storage and Waterfront Operations

The Chairman opened a dialogue on the current status of Dinghy storage. The Harbormaster reported that there are 40 private dinghies and 2 town courtesy dinghies tied up on the dock. It was noted that the annual dinghy dockage fee is \$15. There was a discussion around potentially mitigating any crowding or encroachment on the main loading docks and evaluating the pricing comparability of our current fee with other Cape harbors.

Dave and John were asked to survey Outer-Cape Harbor Fees and report back at the next meeting when this subject will be revisited.

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## 6. 2022 Dredging and Funding Pursuit

The Secretary updated the Commission on two recent discussions relative to dredging and State funding opportunities:

### a. Massachusetts Dredging Program (Office of Housing and Economic Development)

Executive Director Nicholas Bulens confirmed that there will be a round of 2022 Massachusetts Dredging Program (MDP) grants. The RFP will be announced and distributed in February, submissions will be required by mid-March and awards administered in late May. A new on-line portal will be launched to facilitate efficient on-line application entry. Truro Assistant Town Manager, Kelly Clark, and Donahue are on the email list for all the Department's notifications about the upcoming 2022 MDP process.

John made a **Motion** to approve applying for a 2022 MDP grant, it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

### b. Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (Department of Fish and Game)

Director Dan McKiernan manages the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Time-Of-Year (TOY) Winter Flounder Dredging Restriction Program currently imposing a February 1 to June 30 prohibition on Pamet Harbor dredging operations. We had a discussion on the severity of Pamet Harbor channel and approach shoaling, the impairment this restriction places on our critical need to dredge to ensure safety and navigability and our request for a 45-day waiver. He asked that the Harbormaster formally make this request, and accompanying rationale, in an email to him and he would consider it openly.

The Harbormaster and John agreed to work together in preparing and sending this request to Dan, with cc's to Senator Cyr and other stakeholders.

## 7. Other Matters

The Harbormaster reported that the new floats for the docks will have the same footprint as the old ones and will be installed in April. State funding is no longer available to permanently repair the deterioration at the bottom of the launch ramp. Tony indicated that he will work with Truro DPW to enable a temporary repair.

The Commission discussed the status of the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting's Motion Granted extending the North Jetty into the southernmost dunes of Corn Hill Beach to attenuate dune breach risk. The Chairman indicated he would connect with Kelly Clark in February to pursue this with the appropriate parties.

## 8. Meeting Adjournment

The Chairman made a **Motion** to adjourn at 7:00 PM, it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

  
Chairman

