

Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, January ¹⁹23rd, 2023, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM ET
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

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3:15 PM

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By: *[Signature]*

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman

Dave Crocker

John Donahue (telephonically)

Scott Donnelly

Eric Morea

Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster

Jarrold Cabral, Director, Truro DPW

Carole Reichhelm

George Reichhelm

Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM and declared that a quorum of full-time members was present. He introduced Truro DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral, and asked him to run through the attached agenda.

2. Working Docks and Skiff Tie Ups

Jarrold relayed that the working docks and tie ups will be installed by DPW during the first two weeks of April 2023. Tony reported that he was going to remove the existing array of protective rubber strips, balls and fenders. He will then affix a new 2 ½ inch white rubber strip around all sides of the docks to ensure more uniform, effective and permanent protection.

3. Harbor Parking Lot Lines and Signage

Jarrold indicated that sweeping the parking lot, painting lines and creating enhanced signage will be done in a single day during the first half of April 2023.

4. Launch Ramp Repairs

A discussion ensued around the increased concrete degradation of the lower launch ramps and the intensifying safety risk this presents. Jarrod expressed that Truro Conservation has requested that concrete, as opposed to asphalt, be applied for any repairs. Neither DPW nor the Harbormaster's current fiscal budgets contain available funding to cover the cost.

It was suggested that Doug Cameron (Director/Chief Engineer Department of Fish and Game Office of Fishing/Boating Access) be contacted to seek State provisions to address this boater access/safety risk. (**Update:** Jarrod connected with Doug immediately after the meeting and Tony provided him with photos of the deteriorated concrete. Doug surveyed the site on Thursday 1/26; Jarrod reported on Friday 1/27 that the State will fund the repairs and is preparing to solicit bids.)

5. North Jetty Erosion Mitigation

The Commission once again turned attention to the intensifying and increasingly prevalent erosion between the easternmost end of the North Jetty and the southernmost dune at Corn Hill Beach. Jarrod agreed with the Commission members that this does pose a risk to channel and harbor navigability. He suggested that a permanent North Jetty extension fix would entail engaging consultants, creating 5 competitive solution designs, and complying with all requirements of Chapter 91 or the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act.

While pursuing the permanent fix, Jarrod articulated an immediate erosion mitigation solution his team will embark on (please see the attached diagram in the appendix):

- installing dredging pipe chained to Jersey barriers in the erosion zone, above the Mean High Water mark, this February,
- removing this configuration in late March and trucking in circa 1600 cubic yards of sand from Head of the Meadow Beach to create a sand barrier in the erosion zone.

6. Dredging Plans and Timeline

Tony reported that the Barnstable County Dredger was completing work at Sesuit harbor and was scheduled to be at the Pamet by February 1st. He guided that despite Winter Flounder Dredging Window restrictions, dredging projects commencing by February 1st can proceed until completed.

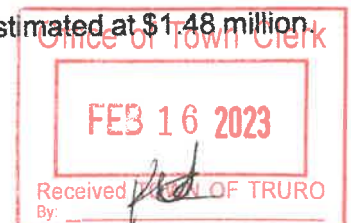
7. Other Harbor DPW Matters

- Jarrod explained that the **harbor's security camera** was being repaired and will be replaced to provide a 360' recordable view of harbor and parking lot activity,
- He similarly reported that the **Electronic Credit Card Reader** for Fee collection will be reinstalled in the Harbormaster's office,
- He reminded the Commission that the **Corn Hill Beach Parking** lot has 20 boat slots for overflow parking and is designated a Pamet Harbor Parking area,
- Finally, he relayed that all parking lot **drainage areas** will be cleaned out this season.

8. Mill Pond Culvert Design Alternatives

Jarrod briefed the Commission on the current 4 design options to replace the existing pipe linking Mill Pond with the Pamet Harbor basin, aimed at improving tidal flow and nurturing the ecosystem:

- Installing an 8' by 8' concrete culvert - \$2.2 million cost estimate,
- Installing an 8' by 10' concrete culvert - \$2.4 million cost estimate,
- closing Mill Pond Road, removing the road, and creating a 60' breach,
- closing Mill Pond Road and establishing a 90' breach – both estimated at \$1.48 million



He provided a fulsome assessment of the environmental, community and economic pros and cons of each option. He articulated that his recommendation is to close the road and execute one of the two breach plans. He cited this as having the most compelling and economically efficient impact on tidal ecosystem restoration, road flooding prevention and shellfish propagation. He indicated that the Truro Select Board would be addressing this initiative next at their Tuesday, March 28th 2023, 5:00 PM Select Board Meeting.

Chairman Silva invited Carole and George Reichhelm, whose homes and property at 20 and 22 Mill Pond Road abut the project area, to express their opinions on the matter. The Reichhelms politely voiced their dissent of the road closure. They expressed concerns that this would destroy one of the most scenic walking and driving venues town members currently enjoy. Mr. Reichhelm described the safety and emergency response risk that could emerge if one of currently two access roads to the harbor was eliminated. Finally, they conveyed reservations that any of the alternatives would achieve the environmental objectives forecast.

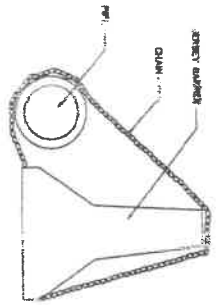
The Commission thanked Jarrod for his presentation and the Reichhelms for attending and sharing their point of view. The Chairman concluded this discussion by stating the Commission would revisit and discuss this matter at our next meeting.

9. Adjournment

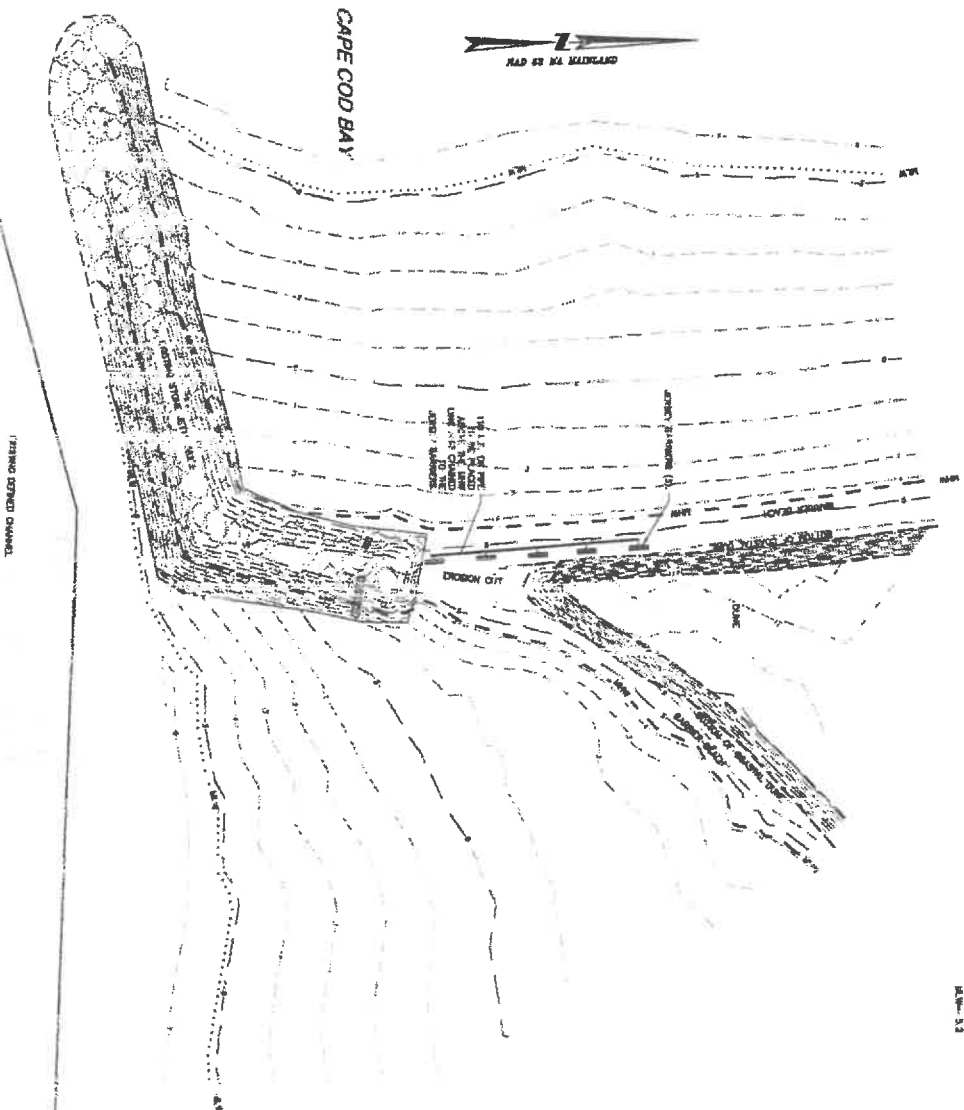
After determining all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM, it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

Tim Silva
PHC Chair 2/16/23





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- NOTES:
1. THIS PLAN IS THE RESULT OF A SURVEY OF THE TRURO HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS, AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.
 2. THE DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE ON LAND AND WATER.
 3. THE TOTAL SURVEYED AREA WAS TAKEN FROM THE TRURO HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS, AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

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IN
TRURO
MASSACHUSETTS
(FRANKLIN COUNTY)

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MANAGEMENT

JANUARY 18, 2003

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