

## Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 3:30 PM ET  
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

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### Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman

Dave Crocker

John Donahue

Scott Donnelly

Eric Morea

### Participating Guests:

Tony Jakkett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

Susan Areson, Truro Select Board Member

Gary Sharpless

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### Order of Business:

#### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order:

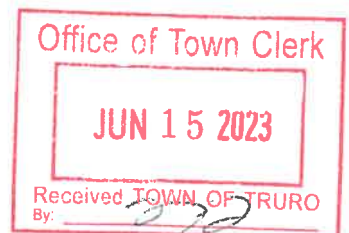
Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM, noting that a quorum of full-time members was present.

#### 2. Discussion of Letter Regarding Dredging:

Chairman Silva presented a letter that he drafted alerting the Town Select Board and State elected officials of the urgent need to ensure comprehensive and timely dredging in 2024. The document describes the resulting harbor navigability and safety risk that this season's lack of dredging created.

Eric observed that there are navigability challenges in the outer channel and inner approach during low tides. He cited one specific isolated area where there appears to be circa 10 inches of water depth during significant low tides.

Given all of this, Commission members asserted that Town and State officials need to provide a credible 2024 dredging plan, with a timeline, and to assign accountable individuals to successfully execute on this plan. After much discussion and editing, Dave kindly offered to prepare the correspondence for formal submission with the unanimous endorsement of each Commissioner. (A copy of this letter will be attached to these minutes as an exhibit.)



### 3. Update on the 10-year Harbor Plan:

Commission members examined and discussed historical 10-year Harbor Plans, dating back to 1994. Sue Areson reported that, at this point, there does not appear to be a need to create a new 2023 10-year plan. She suggested that the Commission may be required to prepare an updated 10-year plan in the near future.

### 4. Report on Harbor Activities:

Tony provided a thorough update on the myriad of harbor management activities that he has underway to prepare for the season. Highlights included:

- the entire mooring area (balls and rafts) has been repositioned to enhance the ease and efficiency of traversing the basin,
- the DPW has completed painting the parking lot and signage and has installed the working docks,
- there are some open "punch list" items that the DPW needs to finalize including the machining down of the protruding metal pins on the outside of the docks (update: these do present a potential hull scratching and damage risk; Tony has attached fenders to these pins where feasible as a temporary solution),
- the ice machine, beverage vending unit and portable restroom facilities will be in place by Memorial Day.

### 5. North Jetty Breach and Town Approval of Coir Roll Project:

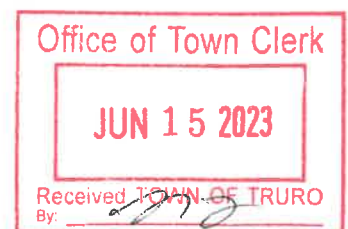
Commission members discussed the effectiveness of the sand barrier constructed in the breach area. They also noted that the \$215k Breach Remediation Project (i.e., embedded coir rolls below a sand barrier) was approved as part of Article 6 (Transfer of Free Cash) at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.

### 6. Review and Approval of previous meeting's minutes:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 4/10/2023 meeting minutes. After thoroughly assessing, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to approve them, it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

### 7. Adjournment:

After determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM, it was seconded by Eric, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.



4/10/23  
J. Silva  
PHC Chair