

# Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday September 21, 2023, 3:00 PM ET  
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

## Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman

John Donahue  
Scott Donnelly

## Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden  
Gary Sharpless, Assistant Harbormaster  
Jarrod Cabral, Truro DPW Director  
Robert Weinstein, Truro Select Board Member

## Order of Business:

### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

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

### 2. Report from the DPW Director on the North Jetty Project

Truro DPW Director, Jarrod Cabral provided an extremely comprehensive briefing on the North Jetty initiative. Noteworthy updates included:

- after multiple iterations, the Coir Roll project approvals are near finalization from both the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife) and the Truro Conservation Committee,
- SUMCO Eco-Contracting has been selected as the Contractor; the project is likely to commence in early Q4 and last for roughly 4 weeks,

<https://sumcoeco.com/services/coastal-stabilization/>

- Scott recommended that additional measures (e.g., Jersey Barriers, preventing pedestrian traffic on the dune etc.) be implemented to increase the probability of the project's success,
- the Woods Hole Group has been engaged to produce 5 or 6 alternative permanent solutions, including extending the granite jetty to elbow Northward, mirroring the South Jetty structure,

<https://www.woodsholegroup.com>

- John pointed out that the South Jetty elbow has enabled highly effective erosion protection while creating a robust endangered bird breeding/nesting sanctuary in the northern Fisher Beach dunes; he suggested that the Woods Hole Group should study this in their scope,
- Separately, Jarrod concluded by reporting that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reached out to offer their resources to enhance the parking lot drainage system.

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*John J. Donahue  
PITC Secretary*

### 3. Update on Dredging

It was discovered that the "Fall 2023 Pamet Harbor Dredging Request" letter, prepared after extensive discussion at the previous two meetings, was not sent out to the intended elected official recipients. Mr. Weinstein was handed a copy of the draft prepared back in June; he relayed that he would include the document in the upcoming 9/29/2023 Select Board Meeting package and initiate a dredging discussion at the session. He invited Tony and Timmy to attend the meeting and participate in advocating for dredging to take place this season.

Tony presented the Draft 2023 Barnstable County Dredging Schedule (attached as Exhibit A) and highlighted that Pamet Harbor's Mooring Basin, Channel and Approach dredging is scheduled to commence on 12/17/2023. Members noted that the Dredge (Cod Fish II) was scheduled to dredge in Bourne and Falmouth in November, before Truro; both locations still had "Pending" Permitting status. They asked that Tony request that we move up on the schedule given our Approved and Funded Permitting status.

### 4. Review of Summer Activity and Other Matters

Tony and Gary presented the comparative Season-to-Date 9/21 2023 vs. 2022 Pamet Harbor Revenue Results (please see the attached Exhibit B). Results showed that Revenue for the two periods were coincidentally identical at \$92,000.

Mr. Weinstein relayed that his vessel had sustained hull fiberglass damage, likely from a neighboring boat's exposed propellers, while each boat was affixed to its raft. He requested that the Harbormaster evaluate respacing some of the rafts on his row and enforcing a mandatory "prop guards or props down" outboard policy to mitigate further occurrences of damage.

### 5. Tribute to Assistant Harbor Master John H. Bloom

Commission members expressed their profound sadness at the September 20, 2023, passing of Assistant Harbor Master, John H. Bloom. John was fondly remembered as a highly skilled, incredibly helpful, and professional contributor to the safety and enjoyment of all Pamet Harbor Boaters and the Truro Community. The Commission wanted to acknowledge the respect and warm admiration that all held for John and to pass their sincere condolences to his family.

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

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 06/15/2023 meeting minutes. After thoroughly assessing, John proposed a **Motion** to approve them, it was seconded by Scott, unanimously approved by the attending 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 4:10 PM, it was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

