Minutes of the Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 12th, 2022, 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:
Tim Silva, Chairman
John Donahue
Gerry Woodcome

Participating Guests:
Tony Jackett, Harbormaster

Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and declared that a quorum of members was present. The attached agenda was reviewed, and the meeting was fully underway.

2. Minutes review and approval

The Chairman led an evaluation of the minutes from the March 17th meetings. After discussion, Tim made a Motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Member Donahue, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and Granted.

Harbormaster Jackett reported that, after discussion with the Town Clerk, he determined our previous minutes (Aug 19, 2021; Dec 16, 2021; Jan 13, 2022, and Feb 17, 2022) are not published on the Town website because they were not submitted to the Clerk signed by the Chairman. Subsequently, the Secretary delivered paper copies to the Chairman for his signature and resubmission.

3. Discussion on the North Jetty extension

The Committee discussed the status of the August 19, 2021, approved motion to extend the North Jetty northeasterly into the southernmost Corn Hill Beach dune to mitigate breach risk. Member Donahue reported that on inspection of tidal movement on both sides of the dune, the breach risk appears to be intensifying and is a potential navigability threat to the channel. The Harbormaster and Committee further considered the fact that this area has occasionally been breached during extreme weather and tide conditions historically.

Tim provided the attendees with an April 13th, 2022, BSC Group engineering proposal to plan the construction ($7,200 cost estimate) currently being studied by the Town. The Committee agreed to monitor the process closely and continue to advocate for the Jetty extension.
4. **Boat Ramp Repairs Review**

Chairman Silva asked about the status of boat ramp repairs. Tony reported that State funding for this initiative was no longer feasible, and he was discussing a possible patch solution with the DPW.

5. **Massachusetts Dredging Program (MDP) 2022 Grant application**

Tim shared that he spoke with Kelly Clark earlier in the afternoon and she let him know a Truro MDP 2022 application was filed pre-April 15th, 2022. No further information was available. The Committee discussed seeking some details like the total funding requested and the use of funds and supporting information submitted to justify the request.

6. **Update on Floats**

Tony provided a comprehensive overview of the new working dock status and float/raft deployment in the basin. He reported that he was targeting to have everything in place by the following week.

7. **Open discussion and Adjournment**

After concluding an open discussion, the Chairman declared the next meeting would take place on June 9th, 2022. He then made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM, it was seconded by Gerry and unanimously approved by the Commission Members and Granted.