

Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 20th, 2025, 1:30 PM ET
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman

John Donahue, Secretary

Scott Donnelly

Eric Morea

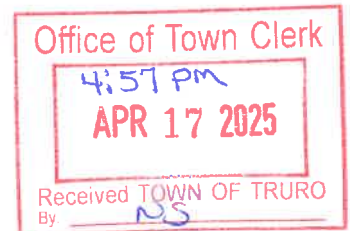
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Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

Robert Weinstein, Truro Select Board Liasson

Ken Cirillo, Barnstable County Dredge Director



Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM and declared that a quorum of full-time members was present.

2. Barnstable County Dredge Director Presentation and Discussion:

Chairman Silva welcomed Ken Cirillo (Director of the Barnstable County Dredge Program) and invited him to begin his presentation (please see the PowerPoint deck attached as **Exhibit 1.**). Ken began by providing an overview of their resources and capabilities:

- team of 7 employees and operate tow dredges: The Cod Fish II and Sand Shifter,
- provide dredging services that are 70% less expensive than Commercial alternatives.

He then relayed the notable recommendations in his report, including:

- scheduling surveys annually but conducting dredging every other year,
- commencing dredging operations by December 7th each year to allow adequate time before Winter Flounder dredge restriction triggers and to ensure the Sesuit project is completed by January 30,

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Approved

Tim Silva Chair
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- modifying approach, channel and mooring basin design grades to maintain a continuous 6-foot MLW depth versus the currently permitted 4' approach, 6' channel and 5' basin.
- increasing the approach and channel width by 10 feet southward to keep marine traffic safely away from the North Jetty,
- considering County procurement of a small barge and excavator to be used in non-dredging years to remove sediment where shoaling presents safety risks.

The Commission entered into a wide-ranging discussion of Ken's recommendations. Members bemoaned that the Harbor had been duly permitted and scheduled but not dredged in two of the last three years. Ken conveyed that the scheduling misses were correlated to:

- addressing higher priority shoaling needs on the Cape's Ocean facing ports and Sesuit Harbor,
- severe wind and winter weather conditions which prohibited operations,
- Pamet Harbor's constraining TOY Winter Flounder restriction,
- surveying results indicating insufficient targeted sediment cubic yardage removal to materially contribute to beach replenishment and to justify dredging economics.

After evaluating all the information presented, participants agreed that the optimal next step to ensure dredging regularity and the safety/navigability of the harbor would be to:

- **immediately engage BSC Coastal Scientist, Michael Creighton, to request an emergency amendment to our current permitting to approve a continuous 6-foot MLW depth for the approach, channel and basin.**

3. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval:

Chairman Silva instructed members to review the February 20th, 2025, meeting minutes. After a thorough vetting, Tim proposed a **Motion** to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Scott, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

4. Adjournment

After determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM, it was seconded by Scott, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

