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Community: TRURO

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 11/13/01

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/06/01

Type: Individual

X District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Truro Center, Castle Hill, Depot Rd/Pamet Harbor

Inventory Form: (H)L,G

Address:

Requested by: TSD

Action: _____Honor _____ITC _____Grant XR & C _____Other:

Agency: Staff in charge of Review: TD

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

_____ Eligible
_____ Eligible, also in district
_____ Eligible only in district
_____ Ineligible
_____ More information needed

DISTRICTS

X Eligible
_____ Ineligible
X More information needed

CRITERIA: XA _____B XC _____D

LEVEL: X Local _____State _____National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Michael Steinitz

Historically the area around Pamet Harbor at Truro Center was the focus of local maritime activity peaking in the 1830-45 period and ending when Pamet Harbor silted up, closing it to navigation in the 1860s. After a period of decline in the late 19th century the area became a focus of seasonal summer vacation occupancy in the 20th century. Architecturally the area is primarily characterized by late 18th and early 19th century Cape Cod type houses, a smaller number of gable front, Greek Revival cottages, and a few larger, two-story buildings. Roughly 75 historic buildings comprise three contiguous survey areas, of Truro Center (Area H), Depot Rd/Pamet Harbor (Area G) and Castle Hill (Area L). The adjacent Hill of Churches Area (Area D) was previously said to be eligible for listing on the National Register by MHC staff.. These areas together comprise the largest concentration of historic buildings in Truro and are interrelated as the focus of Pamet Harbor development in the early to mid-19th century. The Truro Center Area includes institutional buildings, including two schools from 1853, the 1912 Cobb Memorial Library (previously said NR eligible individually), and a 1938 fire station. Current context and streetscape photos that show the relationship of historic buildings to each other and new construction since the inventory was completed, and/or a site visit would be necessary to determine boundaries and whether there is one large eligible district here or whether several smaller districts are more appropriate.