

# Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

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

## Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman  
David Crocker, Vice-Chairman  
John Donahue, Secretary  
Scott Donnelly  
Eric Morea  
Jim Sloman

## Participating Guests:

Tony Jackett, Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden

## Order of Business:

### 1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM and declared that a quorum of full-time members was present and that all appointed members were participating.

### 2. Update on Dredging:

Harbormaster Jackett presented the Barnstable County Dredge pre-dredge survey results and Ken Cirillo's (Director of the Barnstable County Dredge Program) latest recommendations for Pamet Harbor (please see the PowerPoint deck attached as Exhibit 1). Tony relayed that the survey was conducted on January 16, 2024, and indicated prevalence of channel shoaling and acute dune erosion at the North Jetty's merger into Corn Hill Beach.

Notable Pamet Harbor recommendations in the report included:

- scheduling surveys annually but conducting dredging every other year,
- commencing dredging operations by December 7<sup>th</sup> each year to allow adequate time before Winter Flounder dredge restriction triggers and to ensure the Sesuit project is completed by January 30,
- modifying approach, inner channel and mooring basin design grades to maintain a continuous 6-foot depth at MLT,
- 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.

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There was an extensive discussion around the merits of the recommendations, particularly the notion of biennial dredging in such a high shoaling marine environment and the safety/navigability risk this presents. Members determined that further information was required to fully assess whether these recommendations meet safety and navigability needs. Chairman Silva asked Tony to invite Ken Cirillo to attend our upcoming March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to respond to the Commission's concerns.

### 3. Grant Update:

Members opened up a discussion on Truro's pursuit of available Massachusetts's Office of Economic Development grant funding. Tim reported that Truro Assistant Town Manager, Kelly Clark is completing a MA Dredging Program Grant to attain dredging capital. John relayed that he reached out to Kelly to offer writing support once Nicholas Bulens' launched the 2026 program on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kelly responded she was working on it and had everything she needed. The submission **deadline is March 21 at 11:59 PM.**

John noted that the MA Seaport Economic Council announced \$3 million in awards in December 2024, almost half of those funds were provided to Cape Cod harbors. He went on to underscore that this source of funding appears to be Truro's most economically attractive and holds the highest probability of successful attainment. The award portal is anticipated to open on **June 1, 2025**, with **submissions due by June 30<sup>th</sup>** and award announcements in August 2025.

### 4. Harbor Activity Review:

Tony briefed the Commission on the extensive work being done to prepare for the upcoming season. It was noted that the Woods Hole Group study was nearing completion and would likely be submitted imminently to the Town DPW Director. Scott suggested that this report should be simultaneously reviewed by this Commission. *[Editor's Note: I called Jarrod after the meeting and requested that he email it to each of us on receipt.]*

### 5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval:

Chairman Silva instructed members to review the January 16, 2025, meeting minutes. After a thorough vetting, Tim proposed a **Motion** to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**. The minutes were provided to the Town Clerk and posted on the Truro website on 02/20/2025.

### 6. Annual Town Report Draft Review:

Dave Crocker introduced the Draft Pamet Harbor Commission Report (attached as Exhibit 2) for review and submission to the Select Board for inclusion in the Annual Town Report. Members thanked Dave and complimented him on the quality of his work. Tim requested some minor edits and asked Dave to submit the report to the Select Board.

### 7. Adjournment

After determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 PM, it was seconded by Eric, unanimously approved by the Commission Members and **Granted**.

