

Pamet Harbor Commission

October 10, 2019 Meeting

Truro Public Safety Complex

Meeting commenced 7 p.m.

Attendees - Chair Timmy Silva, Raymond Cordeiro Eric Morea, Stanley Sigel, Gerry Woodcome, Harbormaster Tony Jackett, Assistant Harbormaster Gary Sharpless

Minutes - June 20, 2019 Minutes were reviewed/accepted, Tim made a motion to accept, Staley seconded and the vote passed 5-0-0

Discussion on skiff regulations - Tim Silva suggested that skiff lines tied to the dock should be a minimum of 15ft such that when a mooring holder is coming into the dock on his/her skiff the 15ft length will allow to move other skiffs out of the way for convenience and safe docking and unloading. Gerry made a motion to accept the new regulation, Raymond seconded it and the vote passed 5-0-0.

Discussion of Cormorant issue at harbor - Tim Silva brought up the issue of an abundance of Cormorants and Seagulls in the harbor on floats and docks and the fact that the feces from the birds is an issue covering docks, have a very bad smell and also potentially a water pollution problem (especially for shellfish water quality). The commission will look into sound devices like a pop whistle to be sounded once or twice a day by the harbor staff to potentially train & scare the birds off the floats to go elsewhere. We will also alert the necessary town safety department before anything is tested or implemented.

Update on Dredging - Tony gave an update on dredging the channel and the basin for this fall and winter. It looks like the county has two operational dredge boats and Kelly Clark (Assistant Town Manager) is taking responsibility for working with them to get Pamet dredging done in the November time frame. Because of current restrictions for Horseshoe Crabs and Winter Flounder all dredging needs to be completed by February 1st 2020. We are hopeful with other local harbor dredge scheduling, equipment issues and weather that this can be completed no later than December before bad weather hits. In meantime, Tony will be removing some vacant floats now & complete the rest and coordinate dock removal with the DPW in the November time frame.

Review of Summer and Fall activities Tony and Gary gave the following report - Initial revenue estimated to-date indicate the revenue of 2019 will be about \$91,200 as compared to \$92,800 for 2018 (down about 1.7%). This is mainly due to the fact that bass fishing was slow and as a result daily launches were down about 13.8%, but rental moorings were up 75% from last year. We are hopeful with the balance of the season and another week of active tuna boat launches and more close accounting by Tony of his treasure reports, we will be close to last year's revenue.

In general a very safe and uneventful summer and fall boating season at Pamet Harbor - with staff moving moorings for adequate float spacing due to lack of pass dredging in the basin, staff assisting boat owners with launches and hauling boats at the ramp and with trailer/car parking in the lot, aiding and assisting with getting broken down boats towed within the harbor and on trailers safely with no damage, and making sure that the dock is actively supervised in helping mooring holders and fisherman with getting gear and their catch off the dock in a timely manner. In summary Pamet Harbor Staff, Mooring/Float owners, Charter fisherman, Commercial fisherman and lobstermen (and women) work harmoniously together for a great season at the harbor.

Additionally, all shellfish propagation of oyster remoter set (about 6 pallets worth) and relay quahogs (about 2 truckloads) have been broadcast by Tony with some help with the deputies and now he will start taking water quality samples to hopefully open for recreational shellfish season in 1st week of November.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Timmy Silva Chair

