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Minutes of the Truro Pamet Harbor Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 20th, 2024, 3:00 PM ET
24 Town Hall Road, Select Board Chambers, Truro MA 02666

Attending Members:

Tim Silva, Chairman
Dave Crocker
John Donahue

Participating Guests:

Gary Sharpless, Assistant Harbormaster

Robert Weinstein (Bob), Vice Chair Truro Select Board

Order of Business:

1. Bringing the Meeting to Order

Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM, declaring that a quorum of full-time Members was present. Tim announced that Robert Weinstein (Truro Select Board Vice Chair) has been appointed as the PHC board liaison. Members warmly welcomed Bob and expressed their gratitude to outgoing liaison Sue Areson for her leadership and support.

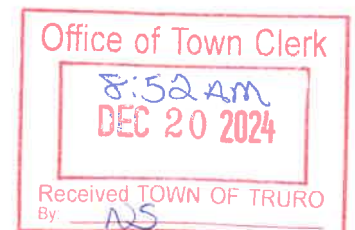
2. Review and Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The Commission carefully reviewed and discussed the 05/16/2024 meeting minutes. After thoroughly assessing, Dave proposed a **Motion** to approve them, it was seconded by John, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**. The minutes were then immediately delivered to the Town Clerk for publication on the Truro Town website.

3. Elect Officers

Given the imminent expiration of several Members' appointment terms at month end, the Commission launched into the requisite process of electing Officers for the upcoming term. After extensive consideration the following three **Motions** were proposed and unanimously **Granted**:

- **Tim Silva** was proposed to serve as **Chairman** by John; Dave seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously approved,



- **Dave Crocker** was put forth to serve as **Vice-Chairman** by Tim; John seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously approved,
- **John Donahue** was nominated to act as **Secretary** by Dave; Tim seconded, and the Commissioners unanimously approved.

4. Update on North Jetty Project

The Commission conferred on Truro's recent \$200k funding for the Woods Hole Group to study solutions for the North Jetty erosion mitigation and sever other Harbor environmental and operational needs. Tim suggested that we consider inviting the Consultants to discuss their emerging findings with the Commission in Q4.

5. Pamet Esthetics Improvement Review

The following updates were provided:

- Dave reported that John Bloom's memorial plaque was being funded by the local VFW post and should be ready for dedication in the next couple of weeks.
- Tim described the new Recycling/Trash container he built at the entrance to the docks,
- Tim relayed that Scott was advancing the development of Outdoor Exhibits with the Truro Community Preservation Committee, and they should be funded and installed next season.

The Commissioners then discussed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the existing signage at the Harbor (e.g. White Shark warning sign, launch fees board, traffic/parking signs, working dock instructional signs etc.) and concluded that enhancements were warranted.

John proposed a **Motion** to ask the Select Board to instruct the DPW to evaluate all the signage at the Harbor and to replace and install new signs as needed; it was seconded by Dave, unanimously approved by the eligible attending Commission Members and **Granted**.

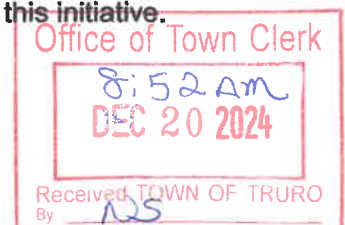
6. MA Dredging and Seaport Economic Council Grants

John, once again, strongly recommended that Truro take advantage of the multi-million dollars in State funds available annually to Massachusetts' seaport communities. Bob suggested that he meet with the Town Manager to brief him on these opportunities.

7. Pamet Harbor Waterfront Activity Update

Assistant Harbormaster Gary Sharpless briefed the Commission on the latest activity at the Harbor and presented several slides (attached as Exhibit 1). He noted that YTD June 20, 2024, Revenues are up +4.3% versus the same period in 2023.

Bob highlighted that Truro recently received a \$250k grant to expand fiber optics to enable powerful Wi-Fi and that the Harbor Masters Pilot House will be included in this initiative.



8. Adjournment

At 4:20 PM after determining that all Commission business had been carried out, Chairman Silva proposed a **Motion** to adjourn the proceedings; it was seconded by Dave and unanimously approved by the Members present and **Granted**.

