

Edgartown Dredge Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2014

I. Call to order

Howell called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on **August 7 2014** at the **Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Members: Howell, Peter, Les and Gary.
Administrator: Shelly Advisor: Jane Guest: Tara Marden

Open issues:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept the meeting minutes from July 24, 2014 with minor corrections. Les seconds the motion. No discussion, vote taken and passed.
- b) Bills presented and signed.
- c) Tara from the Woods Hole Group gave the committee an update on the Light House Pond project and Fuller St beach nourishment projects. Tara stated that Mr. Swartz's lawyer was not satisfied with the results of the study conducted by the Woods Hole Group. Howell stated that he had met with Mr. Swartz and tried to explain the dynamics of the project. The data collected did prove that the pond is flushing fine. Tara stated that any new permits without concert justification are very hard to get from the powers that be. There needs to be a reason for the Light House pond to be dredged and as of right now there is no data to support the dredging of the pond. If there is no justification there will not be a permit issued. The major point is to nourish Fuller St beach before it disappears to either eel grass, nature or to the birds. She reminded the committee that the 10yr Comprehensive permit has not been issued at this time so many projects could be on hold till it is issued. The Committee expressed that the Eel Pond project which is the dredge project scheduled for this season can be done under the Appendix C maintenance dredging permit. This project will be able to place sand on Fuller Beach for nourishment. Peter and Howell stated that they will follow up with Mr. Swartz and discuss the information that they acquired at this meeting. Howell also stated that the Committee needs to look into further prevention of sand erosion on Fuller Beach. Such as using wave attenuation barriers to try to keep the sand on the beach. The Committee wants to express how important it is to nourish the beach since it is the only in Town public beach that is used year round. Tara then presented to the Committee a new proposal to file an ENF / Project change for Fuller St. Beach nourishment. Peter placed a motion on the floor to accept the proposal presented by the Woods Hole Group to prepare and file

an ENF for the Fuller St. Beach project. Les seconds the motion, no discussion vote taken and passed unanimously. She also stated that Cow Bay Association is interested in purchasing sand this season if there is any to sell. The Committee told her that the project scheduled for this season is Eel Pond and that there may not be any sand to sell this season since most of the sand is designated for the Fuller St Beach Nourishment project but they will keep that in mind. They also stated that the monies made on selling said sand does not go back into the program as it has in the past. That monies goes into the general fund as directed by the Town.

- d) Jane stated that she has started the process with Ken Chin to update the 5yr Water Quality Permit. She also stated that Paul Bagnall has written to Marine Fisheries about the issue of winter flounder in Great Pond. He stated in the letter that Great Pond does not have winter flounder so that this should be removed from the permit.
- e) Howell gave the Committee an update on the Drug and Alcohol policy for the Highway department. The Highway Department has a private Company that comes in and does testing on 1 person from the department for \$100.00 fee. The Company picks who gets tested. The other departments do not have this policy just what is in the personnel by laws. The only two members of last year's crew that have expressed interest in returning are Gerald Murry and Greg Bettencourt.

New Business:

a) Howell presented a letter from Richelle O'Neil to the Committee. It stated that she is giving her 2 week notice effective today. Her last day with the program will be 8/21/2014. Gary wanted to thank her for her service over the last 6yrs to the program. The Committee members also wanted to thank her for her work and guidance over the past years. The Committee wanted to place an ad in the paper advertising for the Administrator position, stating that is a 15hr a week position. The ad will be placed in the paper this week and also given to the Personnel Department.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Les seconds motion. No discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.

Howell adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Shelly O'Neil

