



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, October 29, 2020 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Dudley Levick, Rick Hamilton, Peter Vincent, Ryan Smith

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 10/15/2020 draft minutes, Rick seconds. Discussion: the Committee asked Juliet to add the value of the sand being donated at \$20 per cubic yard. No further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- b) Ed shared feedback from Steve Ewing on the Lighthouse Beach Project options. Steve suggested a number of options that would allow the infrastructure to be adjusted or modified over the years as it's deemed effective. Options such as permitting the groins in wood but allowing them to be re-permitted in stone, and including an adaptive management plan where the groins can not only be raised and lowered but also lengthened or shortened "as the situation dictates". The Committee liked the ideas presented by Steve and asked Jane to contact CZM regarding their feasibility of being permitted.
- c) The Committee discussed how to keep the project moving forward. Ed will contact Tara and tell her to move forward with whatever can be permitted, noting that the Committee would prefer longer groins with increased efficacy to trap sand.
- d) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to compel the Woods Hole Group to get a pre-application meeting scheduled with the State to discuss options. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- e) Ed updated the Committee on the situation at Tashmoo. The permit requires approval of additional information, (beach nourishment plan and sediment plan) that has not presently been approved. The project manager from the Woods Hole Group says she can get approval by the 7th, the planned start date for dredging. The Committee discussed a back-up plan that would have the dredge in Eel Pond for 3 weeks before moving over to Tisbury, if the necessary approvals are not given. Jane stated that the permits are in place and the approvals should be all set by the following week. The Committee decided to give Tisbury and the WHG another couple of days to get everything in order, otherwise they will have the crew dredge Eel Pond first.
- f) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to implement the plan as outlined above, Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.

- g) The Committee discussed the Great Pond; the GPF is still working through its budget and determining whether they can offer a donation. Because of the extended dredge season in the Great Pond, there is still plenty of time to make a decision about it.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) The Committee decided to meet again in one week to follow up on the dredge plan.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare