



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 3, 2020 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 11/12/20 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 4-0.
- b) Ed reported to the Committee that Donny has broken his ankle badly. Steven is currently running the dredge and Greg is running the loader. Things are moving along but Ed will reach out to Peter to determine his status, and he may have to reach out to the other alternate applicant as well. Ed stated that although things are moving along, dredge production is not at the level it is with Donny and Ed proposed that the daily rate for dredging was no longer appropriate. Currently, the dredge has worked 13.5 days and there are 2-3 days left. There is a lot of bad weather in the next few days and the dredge will have to be secured inside Tashmoo. Ed proposed that the Committee only charge for a total of 15 dredging days, even if it takes a couple days longer. If it's more than a few additional dredging days the Committee will discuss further. Ed has run this past John Crocker, Tisbury Harbormaster, and he has no objection.
- c) Due to Donny's injury, the use of his boat for transporting the dredge back to Edgartown is no longer an option. The crew will transport the dredge using the skiff and the assistance of the Edgartown Harbormaster boat for additional protection.
- d) Regarding the remainder of the dredge season, Ed proposed skipping Eel Pond as there is sand slated to be donated by an abutter to the pond, for the purpose of nourishing Fuller Street beach. The dredge will go straight to the Great Pond, where conditions are more forgiving.
- e) Dudley stated that in order for Fuller Street to be maintained, there must be at least 4,000 CY placed there each year. Ed responded that if the sand donation does not cover that, additional sand dredged from the Great Pond can be trucked to the beach.
- f) The Committee discussed the FY22 budget and article requests. Three articles were proposed (1) \$60k for Engineering to maintain and expand on the existing comprehensive permit; (2) \$45k to replace the 2006 pick-up with a new (used) $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick-up; and (3) to re-request the revolving fund that was requested last year but removed from the warrant due to Covid.
- g) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve three warrant article requests. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 4-0.

- h) Peter Vincent departed the meeting.
- i) The Committee then discussed the FY22 budget.
Operating: Due to increased insurance costs, costs of materials, increased mob/demob costs and added scope to dredging projects, the Committee decided to ask for a 5% raise to the operating budget, bringing the FY22 request to \$144,000.
Payroll: Due to Covid and the removal of the COLA for Town employees last fiscal year, the dredge crew did not receive a raise in their hourly rates (typically they are given the same percentage raise each year that Town employees receive with a cost of living adjustment). The Committee felt that a 6.5% raise for the crew was appropriate.
- j) Motion placed on the floor by Rick to approve submission of the budgets as discussed. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 3-0.
- k) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare