



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, January 28, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Emily Reddington (GPF), Julie Pringle (GPF)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 1/14/21 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, approved 3-0. Ed abstains.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 12/31/21 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, approved 4-0.
- c) Dredging Update: there were some issues with the pipe, it was damaged by the excavator as it was being moved so it's back at Wilson's Landing being repaired. South Beach is currently impassable so sand cannot be hauled by truck. Because the sand is extremely valuable, it's better to leave it "stored" in the Great Pond until it can be trucked for nourishment, otherwise it just gets pumped out to sea. The crew will seek guidance from the Shellfish Constable as to how much sand to dredge this year. The dredge will clear a 60 foot channel near the cut, as well as additional channel clearing at the Sluiceway.
- d) Representatives from the Great Pond Foundation (Executive Director Emily Reddington and Assistant Julie Pringle) asked for clarification on the timing for the above proposed plan. Ed said it will be about 2-3 weeks of dredging once it gets going, estimated completion date is the mid/late February. He said if the water level in the pond is lowered (with a cut), the Sluiceway could be dredged with an excavator. Ed will monitor the conditions and make a determination as work progresses.
- e) Peter asked whether the dredge was secure in the pond as there is some serious weather predicted. Ed confirmed that the dredge is secure and there is no risk of the pond opening on its own.
- f) The Committee discussed the use of Land Bank land for sand storage. Peter will get in touch with James Lengyel and ask if collaboration is an option. The Land Bank received a large amount of sand through the Tashmoo Channel dredging project.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment, approved 4-0.
- h) Dudley suggested that the annual payment the Committee makes to the Jeffers family for the storage of the dredge pipe is too low. He suggested doubling the amount to \$2,000. The Committee discussed briefly.

- i) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to raise the annual payment for the storage of dredge pipe. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- j) Juliet informed the Committee that she attended the FinCom budget hearings for warrant articles and proposed budgets. The FinCom had no questions on the permitting or truck article but there was some discussion on the revolving fund.
- k) Permit Renewal: Ed will reach out to Jane to see if she can help. If not, the Committee will determine the next steps. This item will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
- l) The Committee asked Juliet to reach out to the County Manager to see if the sand at the Little Bridge is available again. If so, the Committee would like to use it for nourishment.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare