



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 11th, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Dudley Levick, Rick Hamilton, Ryan Smith

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

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

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor to appoint Dudley as Acting Chair, Rick seconds, vote taken and approved.
- b) The Committee reviewed the invoices.
- c) Motion placed on the floor by Ryan to approve the bills as presented. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 3-0.
- d) Jane informed the Committee that the dunes at Right Fork have been totally depleted. Jane spoke with DEP and they have granted permission to put dredged sand there to abate flooding of the parking lot. Jane would also like to plant beach grass and install snow fence to fortify the sand into a dune, as was done on Fuller Street Beach last spring. Dudley asked how much sand was needed to restore the dune. Jane stated that the Woods Hole Group was coming to the island to assess that. The Committee was in favor of continuing to bring sand to the Right Fork parking lot because it can also be used to nourish Fuller Street beach.
- e) The Committee reviewed the donation receipt letters for Gammill and Alexander.
- f) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the letters. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 3-0. Juliet will put them in the mail.
- g) The Committee discussed the height of the pond and the next opening. GPF Executive Director Emily Reddington was present to speak on the issue. She stated that when the height of the pond reaches its current level, 3'9" above sea level, it has been known to cause algal blooms later in the year; she also stated that the residents who live in close proximity to the pond are experiencing flooding. Dudley stated that it should not be the responsibility of the Town to drain the pond when it's flooding the residences of those who chose to build too close; he reiterated that a schedule of openings is needed.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare