



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 18th, 2021 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

Guests: Emily Reddington (GPF), Julie Pringle (GPF), Sam Hart (TTOR), Tara Marden (WHG)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Dredge Update: Dredge is pumping sand for beach nourishment, it has completed the main channel and will head to the Sluiceway next. The goal is to get the dredge demobilized from the pond before the cut happens.
- b) Beach Nourishment at Right Fork is needed, there was a lot of wash-over. An emergency permit to place sand there was approved by the Conservation Commission last night. Ed stated that the Dredge Dept has already allocated about \$15k towards trucking sand to the Right Fork to rebuild the dunes. Ed asked the Committee if they thought it was reasonable to spend another \$10k to pay for the remainder of the needed sand (to reach the Parks Dept shed) for the restoration of the dune. The Committee discussed the balance in the operating budget and what money is needed to finish out the season.
- c) Motion placed on the floor by Peter for the Dredge Dept to provide the \$10k needed to complete the rebuilding of the dune. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- d) In addition to the sand, planting of beach grass and installation of snow fence is needed to fortify the new dune. Jane will go to the FinCom for the funding for this, if the appropriate permits can be obtained.
- e) Peter informed the Committee that he had spoken with James Lengyel and he had no objection with the storage of sand on Land Bank property.
- f) Ed stated that in addition to the sand for Right Fork, 1,000 CY has been placed in the parking lot to be transported to Fuller Street Beach. The Committee will wait until the end of March to move the sand to Fuller St when the weather is more forgiving and hopefully the winter storm season has passed.
- g) Tara addressed the Dredge Committee regarding the Lighthouse Beach project. MEPA is setting up a meeting with all agencies involved in the permitting for Lighthouse Beach based on a report that Woods Hole Group presented back in December. The report was an accumulation of all work performed to date (including the CLE work), and presented a

project that was scaled back from the CLE proposal. Tara hopes to be moving forward with this soon.

- h) Tara discussed a couple other projects she is working on in Edgartown: one is to relocate the bath houses at Left Fork and move to the backside of the dune. Tara is working on a CZM grant for this project. She is also working with the Trustees on a restoration project for the entrance to Norton Point. She said the goal is to join forces on both these projects and to try and complete them in conjunction with one another. The timeline for starting these two projects is next year and the Trustees would like to work with the Dredge Committee to use dredged sand for the nourishment aspects of each project; a total of about 12,000 CY will be needed.
- i) The Committee discussed where the sand for these projects would come from. The permission for the trucks to drive across the beach was only granted for this season, and may not be an option again next year. The Committee discussed whether the value of the sand can be used at the match source funding for the CZM grant.
- j) The Committee discussed updating the Comprehensive permit and who should take the lead on that. Jane will reach out to the State and get more information.
- k) Emily Reddington was present to discuss the opening of the Great Pond. She asked about the timeline for dredging as the height of the pond is reaching a critical level. If the pond stays above 4' above sea level for extended periods, it increases the risk of algal blooms later in the year. Ed said that the dredge needs a few more days to dredge the Sluiceway and it will be impossible to move the dredge back to Wilson's Landing if the cut is made while it's still in the Sluiceway.
- l) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare