



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Paul Bagnall, Christine Flynn, Martha Cohan

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion to approve the draft minutes of 2/18/21 was made by Peter and seconded by Rick. No further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- b) A motion to approve the draft minutes of 2/25/21 was made by Peter and seconded by Rick. No further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0; Ryan abstains.
- c) Ed reported that the dredge is “high and dry” in the Great Pond, waiting to be hauled by the crane which will take place on 3/28. The boats have been hauled and the pipe has been cut into sections and is currently at Fisherman’s landing.
- d) The dune restoration was successful. The crew finished grading the new dune on Saturday and Jane was able to get funding for the grass and snow fence so the dredge’s contribution to the effort is now complete. Sand remaining in the Right Fork parking lot will be trucked to Fuller Street Beach for nourishment.
- e) Ms. Cohan was present to discuss clearing out the Sluiceway and Crackatuxet Cove. Paul B. stated that a small, local project would be feasible with the approval of the ConCom but if a larger project was desired, a previously existing permit could potentially be reinstated. Ed added that the dredge will be going back into the Great Pond every couple of years and the Committee is happy to assist in any efforts to clear out the Sluiceway. Paul stated that there is riparian interest in getting the land cleared out and the effort should be pursued. Ms. Cohan agreed, she said there are tons of phragmites and while the water is flowing with the pond open, the area needs to be cleared. Paul stated that he had gotten about \$20k appropriated to mitigate the phragmite issue, but it wasn’t enough money to cover the cost of the project and before he could ask for more, Covid hit.
- f) Further discussion on ways to address the issues in the Sluiceway. The project will likely require some engineering. The Committee agreed to add this project to the “to-do” list.
- g) The Committee discussed the fresh water budget and how it is regulated by the government agencies, as well as how it regulates naturally. Dudley stated that he has concerns about where the fresh water comes from and the openings decrease the fresh water budget. Paul will keep the Committee informed on the issues and will reach out when assistance is needed.

- h) Juliet informed the Committee about a grant opportunity through SEC, the same agency that awarded the town the grant for Memorial Wharf. There is funding available for engineering and permitting. The next deadline for the grant application is May 1. She can work with Christine Flynn at the MVC to put together an application. The Committee discussed this opportunity and felt it should be pursued.
- i) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to proceed with an application and have Juliet and Christine put the information together to submit for this round of funding. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- j) 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