



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 25th, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Christine Flynn, Martha Cohan, Julie Pringle, Madeline Fisher, Tara Marden

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee and Tara discussed the Lighthouse Beach permit pre-application meeting with the State permitting agencies that took place earlier in the day. Tara said most of the concerns were centered on eel grass so if the Town wants to move forward the first thing to do is an updated eel grass survey. Tara said there were no other major concerns from the group. She went on to explain that because there are many different aspects of this project – dredging, excavation of barrier beach, potential infrastructure (groins, etc.) – it might be good to apply for permits as separate projects. That way, if the infrastructure or excavation aspects take longer to permit, the dredging could be accomplished during that time.
- b) There was some discussion about the direction of the water flow, based on a comment by the ACOE rep at the pre-app meeting. Dudley stated that, as he has heard from the ferry captains, the tide flows out on the Chappy side and in on the lighthouse side. Tara said that was good information to share with the agencies.
- c) Ed asked Tara to put together a proposal for an eel grass survey.
- d) The Committee discussed the infrastructure aspects of the project. Tara stated that the town needs to come to a consensus about what is desired at Fuller Street Beach. Ed said that the storms this year gave everyone a wake-up call regarding the fragility of the coastline; he thinks it's time to have that conversation as well. Tara noted that because Fuller Street Beach is a barrier beach, it will be very difficult to get any permanent or semi-permanent structures permitted. It will also be very expensive. Peter noted that the cost of not implementing some type of groin system could very well be more expensive than building them, due to the on-going costs associated with maintenance.
- e) Juliet informed the Committee that she and Christine were working on the grant application. Christine reached out to the SEC with some questions and will let us know when she receives any additional information.
- f) Ed said the dredge will be hauled on Monday and the remaining sand at the Right Fork parking lot will be trucked to Fuller Street beach on Monday and Tuesday.
- g) The Committee discussed the dune restoration. Tara recommends fertilizing the grass. Jane will get the fertilizer and the dredge crew can apply it.
- h) 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