



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, April 8th, 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 (MVC), Julie Pringle (GPF)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 3/11/21 & 3/25/21 draft meeting minutes, Rick seconds. Discussion: Dudley clarified a couple of points he made, the first was regarding the Sluiceway. He stated that that any water that goes over the sluiceway is water that is taken away from recharging Great Pond. Since both the Woods Hole and Estuaries reports recommend maximizing exchange between pond and ocean, the policy should be to use all the water from the Great Pond watershed to make openings. The more the better. The reason there is a conflict between the demands of pond and sluiceway is because there is a limited supply of fresh water. The second point was a clarification that the tide flows out of the harbor on the Chappy side, but does not necessarily mean that the sediment does as well. Juliet will make the changes. No further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- b) The Committee discussed the Lighthouse Beach project and the direction they want to take moving forward. Does the Committee want to consider permanent or semi-permanent structures (groins) along Fuller Street Beach? Or is the cost prohibitive? Rick and Peter proposed that the cost of groins, although expensive, might be less so as a one-time deal, whereas maintenance dredging would incur costs on a regular, on-going basis.
- c) The Committee asked Juliet to do a reconciliation of the Lighthouse Beach Contract with WHG to see where things stand.
- d) The Committee discussed the dredge grant application for the Katama flats. Juliet spoke with Tara and provided a preliminary cost analysis for the field work that would need to be performed. Tara said she could provide a more detailed proposal if it was desired.
- e) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to ask Tara for a formal proposal to provide the engineering necessary to add the flats to the comprehensive permit.
- f) The Committee decided to meet the following week to review the proposal with adequate time before the grant due date (May 1).
- g) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the dredge – it was hauled and is at the Town Barn. The crew has a list of maintenance items to do.
- h) The Committee asked Juliet to add Permit Renewal to the next meeting agenda.
- i) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

j) The Committee reviewed the budget.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare