



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: James Hagerty, Christine Flynn (MVC), Julie Pringle (GPF), Tara Marden (WHG)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee discussed the SEC Grant presentation: James put together a couple of slides that gave some background information and a brief overview of the project, which he shared with the Committee. Dudley brought up the topic of eel grass propagation in the area and whether that was an option. The Committee discussed briefly but the grant application did not include engineering for that. Christine said that it was a good idea that warranted further discussion, but should not be mentioned in this presentation. Christine also stated that public safety and navigation, specifically at areas subject to shoaling, are two of the most important aspects of this project. The Committee also asked James to add that the town has secured the \$60k match funding to the presentation.
- b) Tara Marden joined the meeting to discuss the projects that the town will be working with the TTOR on. The town received funding from a CZM grant to relocate the bathhouse, remove the pavement and restore the dune at Left Fork. Tara stated that the project will require 15,000 cubic yards of sand; the TTOR will be paying the entire portion of the match funds, which includes paying for the dredging to get the sand. The grant includes all aspects of the project and the goal is to start this fall before winter storms erode the beach any further. There will be lots of logistical issues to be worked out, including how to get trucks down the beach, which Ed stated is not possible at this time. Tara will be on island next week; she and Ed will do a site visit then. Dudley questioned whether that amount of sand could be pumped from the channel to the Katama landing, Ed stated that about half the sand needed could be dredged from the channel. Tara stated that the sand can come from anywhere, including the Great Pond, as long as the project stays within the budget outlined in the grant. Tara also stated that all permits for this project are currently in place.
- c) Tara also reported on the eel grass survey the Woods Hole Group completed in July; she said there was no eel grass in the vicinity and that CLE grossly overestimated the amount of eel grass when they conducted their survey. At this point, Tara recommends filing an ENF; all the fieldwork and data collection has been completed. The only additional cost would be the actual filing of the ENF and Tara can put together a proposal for this. The

Committee asked her what the anticipated cost would be and she said not more than \$15k.

- d) Ed informed the Committee that he reached out to Colonial for a truck quote but the salesman who does municipal quotes no longer works there. The quote for a new truck will be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) Jane joined and informed the Committee that she will tackle permit renewals very soon. She reiterated the need for 15,000 cubic yards of sand for the Bathhouse project. Ed said he would like to see more information regarding the financials, namely who is paying for what. Jane suggested touching base with Herring Creek Farm and Martha Cohan for permission to drive on the beach. The Committee asked Juliet to reach out.
- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- g) Juliet informed the Committee that all four dredge crew from last season have submitted applications for this season.
- h) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to recommend the hiring of the four crew members to the Selectboard. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- i) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 8/19/21 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare