



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: Julie Pringle (GPF), Martha Cohan (HCF), Michael Bronner (HCF), Rob Hughes (HCF)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 9/16/21 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- b) The Committee discussed the condition of the dunes with representatives from Herring Creek Farm. Mr. Bronner stated that HCF is concerned about the quality of the dunes in front of their property and they are currently working with the Conservation Commission and the Woods Hole Group to enhance the area; HCF would like to “throw their hat in” to claim some of the dredged material from the Great Pond. Mr. Hughes continued by saying there is a big need to rebuild and nourish those dunes, there has been massive deterioration at the east end of the cut. He also said that there were trucks driving along the edge of the dune last season, an area that is now collapsing. The dunes at Cracktuxet are also in need of nourishment. Mr. Hughes said that he has spoke with Jane and Tara and has a meeting planned to get started on the permitting process.
- c) Mr. Hughes asked where the dredged sand (from the Great Pond) would be dewatered. Ed stated it would be the same location as last year, on the pond side of the cut area.
- d) Mr. Bronner asked about the distance the trucks would have to travel and the location of the haul road. Ed responded that the haul road has to be constructed far enough away from the salt water that there is minimal risk to the equipment. Furthermore, the front side of the dunes is “sacrificial”, the key area for preservation is the back side of the dune, where beach grass should be planted. Mr. Bronner stated that the backside of the dune at the cut is eroding and asked how much sand might be available for that area. Ed responded that there could be 2k or 3k CY of sand, or potentially more, available but that permits would need to be in place for it to be used at that location. Ed suggested that Mr. Bronner speak with Tara about how much sand is needed.
- e) Mr. Bronner asked if Cracktuxet Cove would be dredged. Ed stated that the area is not currently permitted for dredging, but the Committee would be happy to consider adding that location the comprehensive permit, knowing that it will likely take a couple years. He stated that it is much easier to secure permits for areas above the high tide line.

- f) Mr. Bronner asked about nourishment of private properties along the pond. Ed said that hasn't been done in the past 10 years, but it's possible the GPF places dredged sand on private properties, if it was easier than having to move it.
- g) Mr. Bronner asked about the plan to get the haul trucks to the dewatering location. Ed stated the plan was the same as last year, to drive the trucks along the beach. Mr. Bronner asked if there was an alternative. Ed said no, the reason the trucks cross at the Right Fork parking lot is so they don't have to cross over the dunes.
- h) Mr. Bronner asked if the volume of dredging would be the same as last year. Ed stated it would be about the same, unless the HCF acquired permits and needed additional sand. Jane stated that would be unlikely, unless they were able to secure an area to stockpile and store sand for future use.
- i) Ms. Cohan asked about excess sand at Cracktuxet Cove and whether the town could collaborate with the Trust, HCF and GPF to address the area. Jane said the town would be happy to collaborate, but could not expedite the process. She also has big concerns with the material from Cracktuxet, it is not compatible for nourishment.
- j) Jane informed the Committee that Tara is working on bid specs for the Left Fork projects and will put those out shortly. There will be a two week period for receiving bids. The Committee briefly discussed the scope of work and the equipment needed so Jane can post in the Central Register.
- k) Ed asked the Committee if they would be in favor of taking on the dewatering of the dredged material until the contracts for Left Fork are in place, that way the dredge does not have a delayed start. The Committee was in favor of this.
- l) The Committee discussed the proposal submitted by the Woods Hole Group for Lighthouse Beach. Juliet stated that because the project would take place over a couple of years, the Committee has the flexibility within the budget to make it work.
- m) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept the proposal from WHG for Lighthouse Beach, Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 4-0.
- n) The Committee discussed the proposal from CMG for a new truck. The cost would be \$38,378, less any trade-in value of the current truck. Jane asked if the Committee had checked with other town departments that might be interested in the old truck, Parks in particular. The Committee agreed they would be happy to offer it to another department, or to dispose of it in any way the Selectboard felt was appropriate.
- o) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to purchase the new truck and explore the options for disposing of the old truck. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- p) There is no news from DEP or the ACOE on permit renewals.
- q) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- r) The Committee reviewed the two insurance proposals, from MVI and MMA. The proposal from MMA was less expensive (by \$2,000) and included a pollution policy that was not offered by MVI.
- s) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept the MMA policy proposal and also to approve the invoice and pay when received to ensure coverage is in place asap. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare