



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

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

**Guests:** Julie Pringle, Tara Marden

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) A motion was made by Dudley to approve the 2/3/22 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Ryan abstains.
- b) The Committee was in agreement that the plan put together in conjunction with the Shellfish Committee and Constable for Katama Bay was very good and should be sent to the Woods Hole Group.
- c) Ed updated the Committee on the Dredge: the pump is out and has been disassembled, all of the parts were worn. It is currently getting put back together. There were also 4 or 5 broken exhaust manifolds. The crew will need to purchase new spare parts as they use up the existing ones. Ed stated that the black boat is definitely nearing the end of its life so it would be great if the article for a new one passes at town meeting. The new truck will hopefully be here by next season and the loader is currently in good shape.
- d) The Committee discussed the Comprehensive Permit renewal process. Ed suggested that the application be sent in and see what the regulatory agencies say in response but also asked the Committee if anyone had another idea. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to push forward.  
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to submit the permit renewal application. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
- e) Ed asked Juliet to reach out to SB&H and get on the radar for a post dredge survey for Eel Pond.
- f) Tara Marden joined the meeting.
- g) The Committee reviewed the budget.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills. The Woods Hole Group invoice is to be paid from the Capital account.
- i) The Committee discussed having the dredge crew conduct a survey of the channel at the delta in the EGP to see what kind of an impact the last opening had on the pond.
- j) The Committee returned the discussion to Katama Bay to get Tara's feedback on the proposed plan. She thinks it's a great plan, she will take it back to her team and the next step is to plug in the proposed pathways and re-run the circulation models based on the information they collected this past fall. Ed stated that, at this point, everyone who has a stake in the Bay has weighed in and is in favor of this plan so the Committee definitely wants to move forward with it. Tara asked if there was any information on the history of shell fishing in the Bay; she said whether scientific or anecdotal, it will help show that this project is a restoration of what was historically there. Ryan said he will ask the Shellfish Dept for any historical data.

- k) The Committee discussed the surveys that will be needed: shellfish and eel grass will both have to be conducted. Tara said there is plenty of money in the budget for the shellfish surveys and Ed said that the Town is always willing to assist if a boat is needed. The eel grass survey has to be done over the summer, but it would be great to complete them both at the same time. Ryan will check with the Shellfish Committee to see if they know when the best time to do this would be (probably April/May).
- l) Tara updated the Committee on the Lighthouse Beach project. She said they are all set to send in the ENF but are still waiting on the Corps for the Sampling and Analysis plan. She said if they don't hear back in time they will just submit the application to MEPA anyways. Then it will be the Notice of Project Change and finally, amending the Ch 91/Water Quality permit.
- m) The Committee discussed grant opportunities for engineering and asked Juliet to reach out to the MVC to see if they had any guidance for upcoming grants.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare