



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 3rd, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:01pm on Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: Julie Pringle, Tara Marden, Joel Kubick

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Dudley to approve the 2/17/22 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- b) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the dredge: the pump has been put back together. Next up is chipping and re-painting the dredge. The crew is now working part-time.
- c) Regarding permit renewals, Jane said she sent emails out to the regulatory agencies last September and just followed up with a reminder email as she has not heard back from them. If she continues to not receive a response, she will reach out to the Section Chief. She will also figure out what forms need to be filled out to get the renewal process started. Ed said the information will be on the websites. He would like to fill out the forms and review at the next meeting so they can be submitted for feedback. Tara mentioned that Mr. Chin has come out of retirement to help DEP with the workload.
- d) Juliet informed the Committee that Adam Turner reached out to ask about updating the Dredge Master Plan (which was last updated in 2018) and asked if the Committee would like to do this. Dudley stated that he had an issue with the previous plan: he thinks it is much too long and contains inaccurate information.
- e) The Committee asked Tara what she thought the chances of getting the permit to dredge in Katama Bay were. She said probably about 75%. Joel shared the map he put together, showing the plotted pathways for dredging, with a total volume of 279,350 cubic yards of sand. The next step is to finish the circulation model and details of the channels and then submit to the ACOE for a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP). Tara said it's a really good plan and restoring the area to its previous natural environment will sit well with the permitting agencies. There was some further discussion on some of the details of the channels and their proximity to the barrier beach. Rick asked Tara how the Town could improve on the 75% odds. Tara responded that reaching out to the agencies ahead of time to get a feel for their response would be productive. Also, getting local, regional and state-level political support. The Committee will discuss this further at the next meeting. Tara warned that the Katama Bay application might trigger an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which would require additional funds to put together. She recommended keeping CZM and the SEC informed about the plan.
- f) Juliet informed the Committee that she is planning to meet with Tara and Christine Flynn to discuss potential grants. She will set up a zoom and send out the link.
- g) The Committee reviewed the budget.

- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills. The WHG invoice for Lighthouse Beach is to be paid from the Misc. account.
- i) Ed said the crew is planning to go out and survey the Great Pond, they're just waiting for the weather to warm up a little.
- j) Juliet told the Committee she emailed Doug Hoehn about a post-dredge survey.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare