



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31st, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 31st, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Dudley to approve the 3/3/22 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Peter abstains
- b) A motion was made by Peter to approve the 3/17/22 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Ryan abstains.
- c) The Committee discussed which possible dredging sites could be removed from the Comprehensive Permit. The sites discussed were: Caleb's Pond, The Narrows and Dike Bridge, Cape Pogue and Pocha Pond. Ed said the last time Cape Pogue was dredged it was at the request of the Shellfish Committee so they should be consulted as to whether it would need to be dredged in the future. Dudley stated that he doesn't think dredging in Pocha Pond has any flushing benefits.
The Committee then discussed Eel Pond and recognized that it is changing rapidly and it's important to balance the preservation of Fuller Street Beach and maintaining the entrance channel to the Harbor. Eel Pond is currently the only location from which sand can be pumped directly to Fuller Street Beach.
The Committee discussed the dredging locations at Herring Creek and determined that these should be looked into further.
The Committee discussed the dredging locations in Sengecontacket. Presently, Borrow Site #2 is unusable. There was also discussion regarding the Town of Oak Bluffs use of the permit to dredge the little bridge. They paid Edgartown at one point, and donated some sand, but if they want OB sites included in the new permit, there should be an arrangement for compensation to Edgartown.
The Committee discussed adding a dredging site at North Wharf, however the spiles would have to be removed in order to do so.
The Committee tentatively decided to remove Caleb's Pond, Herring Creek, the Dike Bridge Approach and Borrow Site #2 from the Comprehensive Permit dredging locations and to ask Oak Bluffs for money if they want their sites included.
- d) Juliet informed the Committee that she contacted the ACOE and DEP for permit applications. She received the application from DEP and is working on completing it. She is still waiting to receive the ACOE application.
- e) Ed informed the Committee that he has not received the quote for the spare dredge parts yet and the crew is waiting for warmer weather before they begin painting the dredge.
- f) The Committee reviewed the budget. There is some cushion in the payroll account so the Committee will consider an End of Year Transfer to cover the cost of the spare parts.
- g) The Committee discussed whether or not to try and purchase a new skiff, since the warrant article request did not make it onto the Town Meeting warrant. Ed said it's not worth it to put more money into the black skiff.

- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) Juliet informed the Committee that she submitted the first reimbursement request to the SEC for Katama Bay Dredging, as well as the quarterly report.
- j) The Committee decided that either Ed, Peter or Dudley would represent the Dredge Committee at Town Meeting next week.
- k) The Committee decided to meet next on April 28th.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare