



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Thursday, April 28, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Dudley Levick, Rick Hamilton, Peter Vincent (joined late)

**Guests:** Christine Flynn, Beth Gurney, Tara Marden, Julie Pringle

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

- a) A motion was made by Dudley to approve the 3/31/22 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0.
- b) Juliet gave the Committee an update on the Comprehensive Permit Renewal. The permit applications each require fieldwork for every dredge and nourishment location so the Committee needs to decide which sites they want to renew. Juliet will meet with Tara and Beth to discuss further. Tara stated that the permits don't expire until 2024 but the Town will probably need about 2 years to collect all the data. The application should be submitted a year in advance so the agencies can provide feedback if more data collection is needed. She clarified that because the Town already has a comprehensive permit, these permit applications will be for maintenance dredging, not new dredging, but will still require a new permit. Beth added that a MESA Environment Impact Report (EIR) filing will also be necessary because DEP has already extended the permit expiration twice and they cannot extend a third time. Beth said that the permits are currently fine, but the Town does need to be proactive in getting new applications submitted.

The Committee discussed the cost of permitting each site currently on the comprehensive permit. Tara estimated that the cost per dredge site for fieldwork would be between \$30-\$40k. The nourishment sites would only require new topography and would be much less expensive. Tara stated that the Committee could always apply for individual dredging permits for sites that aren't included on the Comprehensive permit, if that became necessary. Tara, Beth and Juliet will meet sometime during the next few weeks to put together a list of needed items and to determine which sites to include.

Ed commented that the Committee should be applying for State grant money to help with the costs. Tara suggested another SEC application for the next round of grant funding.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of pushing forward with a comprehensive permit, as opposed to individual permits for each of the dredge sites. Tara explained that the regulatory agencies prefer comprehensive permits and frown upon many individual permits as it does not give them the "big picture" for the Town's dredging needs. She also said that the Comprehensive permit is valid for 10 years, individual permits expire after 3-5 years.

- c) Peter joined the meeting.
- d) Juliet informed the Committee that the SEC Application for funding for Lighthouse Beach is just about complete. She will add in a few more items that are forthcoming from Woods Hole Group and will submit over the weekend.
- e) Ed updated the Committee on the Dredge. The crew is working on chipping and re-painting the hull. The pump house has been painted and they are working on the cutterhead and snout now. There have been some issues getting paint in colors other than black and white.

- f) Ed stated that he has not received a spare parts quote yet but will report back at the next meeting.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) Juliet informed the Committee that Doug Cameron (Dept. Fish & Game) is putting together the bid documents for Katama Landing and will send them over for review.
- i) Rick informed the Committee that the next dredge meeting will be his last as he is moving to Falmouth.
- j) The next meeting will be in two weeks.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare