



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

December 16th, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 16th, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall

Guests: Tara Marden

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Ryan to approve the 12/9/21 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- b) Ed reported to the Committee that the Dredge had a tough week; there were multiple breakdowns so it was a slow week for pumping sand. Ed said that, currently, it looks like there will be enough sand for everything but that has yet to be confirmed. He said the loader also had an issue with the hydraulic hose but since he hasn't heard from Greg, he's hoping no news is good news on getting that repaired. Dredging in Katama Bay will be completed by next week.
- c) Jane reported that the bathhouse at Left Fork has been moved and the pavement has been ripped up.
- d) Tara was present and had some follow up questions to the discussion last week regarding the renewal of the permits. She spoke with Steve McKenna from CZM and he confirmed that the agencies will require all new data for every site to renew the comprehensive permit; data older than 10 years cannot be used. The comprehensive permit will expire in December of 2024 but it's currently taking the Army Corps around 18 months to review the sampling and analysis plans. Due to the timeframe, the Committee will want to file with the Corps in early 2023, at the latest. Tara recommended that the Committee start planning now to avoid any issues and delays. Ed stated that there are post-dredge surveys for every location that has been dredged. Tara responded that only the information from the past three years is relevant and it would be more efficient to gather data from all the sites at once, rather than piece everything together. Tara stated that the ACOE is severely understaffed and unable to handle the workload, so she recommends moving on this as soon as possible.
- e) Ed informed the Committee that he wants to have a meeting with the Parks Department to discuss South Beach and how to address the dunes along Atlantic Ave. He would like to set some dates for a joint meeting. Tara added that the Town should put together a beach management plan.
- f) Jane told the Committee that she had also spoken with Mr. McKenna and he thinks the town needs to find a location to store sand. Jane suggested involving the Martha's Vineyard Commission to help find and secure a location for that purpose. Paul added that he had spoken with Adam Turner earlier in the day and would be happy to bring this up with him.
- g) Paul informed the Committee that he will be retiring in January.
- h) The Committee discussed the FY23 payroll budget. (The operating budget will be level-funded this year.) The Committee would like to give the crew a raise that is in line with the

COLA for other town employees. Juliet will reach out to James for the range of COLA being discussed for FY23 and will apply it to the payroll budget request.

Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to give the crew the same, or comparable, cost of living raises as the other town employees. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.

- i) Juliet will send out last year's annual report for review and comments on what to include in this year's report.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills. The bill from Woods Hole Group for engineering work at Lighthouse Beach is to be paid out of the capital account.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare