



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 9th, 2021 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: Tara Marden

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) A motion was made by Peter to approve the 12/2/21 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Ryan abstains.

- b) The Committee discussed the proposed warrant articles for FY23:

Katama Landing Project: There has been a big increase in the project cost estimate provided by the State, the Town's portion of which amounts to \$152,000. The Committee discussed the need for a contingency to be built in for any further increase in material costs between now and next fall.

A motion was made by Peter to request an additional \$175k, to be added to the already appropriated \$120k, Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.

The New Skiff: Ed reached out and got a couple quotes; for \$100,000 the Committee could purchase a new skiff with a new engine, or two new skiffs with no engines. The Committee discussed the style of boat that would be needed.

Motion placed on the floor by Peter to request \$100k for a new skiff, Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.

Engineering: Tara Marden was present to advise on the upcoming costs of the Engineering needed to continue with the permitting process for Lighthouse Beach. Tara stated that the permit documents (Notice of Project Change) are being prepared and will be submitted next week. They are adding extra analyses to determine the wave impact on the opposite beaches. Once the NPC has been submitted, the current contract for Lighthouse Beach will be completed. After the NPC all the permits will have to be amended, including the Order of Conditions, Ch. 91, Water Quality, CZM Consistency review and expanding the Comprehensive Permit. Tara estimated those amendments would cost around \$75k. Tara stated that a Conservation Management Plan for the reduction of habitat species would be needed, and there might be issues that arise from the channel being a Federal Navigation Channel.

Motion placed on the floor by Peter to request \$75k for engineering costs related to expanding the comprehensive permit, Rick seconds. During discussion Dudley stated that with the possible additional costs (Tara estimated to be around \$6k), he thinks the Committee should ask for \$81k instead. Peter amended his original motion to a request of \$81k for engineering, Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.

- c) Tara updated the Committee on the Katama data collection process: the tide gauges have been removed and the second half of the bathymetry survey is scheduled for tomorrow. Tara also told the Committee that she is very concerned about the erosion of the dunes at South Beach and thinks the Town should consider having a survey done to permit dune restoration along Atlantic Drive. She said that the permit should be to place sand behind the existing dune to

fortify it as there is not enough sand for a full dune restoration project. Ed stated that he plans to meet with the Parks Department to discuss how to collaborate on and fund this effort.

- d) Ed provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the dredge and the TTOR projects at Left Fork. Currently there is approximately 8,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach. The haul trucks were held up for a few days so the sand has piled up. The plan is to stop at 11,000 CY; the dredging will be completed by the middle of next week. Ed said there is not much sand left but enough to give the Trustees the extra 500 CY they requested.
- e) The Committee reviewed the bills. They asked Juliet to reach out to Packer to better understand why the diesel prices are so inconsistent and to confirm that the dredge is on the County contract. There was also an invoice missing from the Napa statement. The Committee opted to hold on all invoices until the meeting next week when there is further clarification.
- f) Dudley requested that his letter to Mr. Shalett be included as an attachment to the previous week's minutes. Ed stated that the pond had been opened last week. Dudley reiterated that he does not support the long openings, he feels they should be shorter and more frequent.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare