



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

May 26th, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 3:30pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: Christine Flynn, Tara Marden

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Approval of the 5/12/22 draft minutes was postponed.
- b) Juliet informed the Committee that she had met with the Woods Hole Group regarding the renewal of the Comprehensive Permit. The Committee needs to decide which dredging locations they would like to include as each location will cost about \$40,000. The Committee asked for a list of the current dredging locations for further discussion at the next meeting and asked Juliet to send the list to the Shellfish Committee for their input, specifically on the three areas in Cape Pogue. The Committee would also like to involve the Town of Oak Bluffs to see if they want to collaborate and financially support the renewal of the dredging sites located in Oak Bluffs.
Peter asked whether the nourishment sites also need to be reviewed. Ed responded that all but one of the nourishment sites (Fuller Street Beach) are for nourishment above the high tide line which only requires approval from State and local agencies, not Federal.
- c) The Committee reviewed the budget. There is enough left in the Operating budget, without the End of Year Transfer, to purchase the spare parts package for the dredge. Juliet will submit a Purchase Order to Ellicot. The Committee discussed the purchase of a new skiff and whether it would be feasible with the transfer request. Ed stated he was unsure what the cost of a new skiff would be, and suggested that if it was too expensive, the Committee should purchase some additional spare parts with the remaining budget. Alternatively, fiberglass and matting could be purchased to repair the current skiff, if the cost of a new one is prohibitive.
- d) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- e) Ms. Marden joined the meeting.
- f) Ed provided the Committee with an update on the dredge: they are almost done painting but there has been a delay in securing the paint color needed to match the existing. Ed also updated the Committee on the new truck that was ordered last fall. A delivery date for the truck is still unknown, he was told to check back in a month.
- g) The Committee discussed a request from the Parks Department to use the Dredge truck during the summer season, when the crew is not using it. The Committee had no objection but told Jane that if the new truck is not delivered, they will need the old one back in the fall. Jane said that was fine, the Parks Department only needs it during the summer months. The Committee agreed to give the old truck to the Parks Department as soon as the new truck is delivered.
- h) Juliet informed the Committee that upon former Committee member Rick Hamilton's resignation, she submitted an ad to the Gazette for a new member. One letter of interest has been submitted so far. The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 10th.

- i) Ms, Marden updated the Committee on the Katama Bay Dredging Project: they are still running the circulation models (one model takes about a week), which look at the rising and ebbing tides. Upon review, she has concerns about the two proposed dredging channels running parallel to Norton Beach and Chappaquiddick. The models suggest that increased water velocity during storms would increase erosion in those areas and DEP/CZM will question whether the barrier beach is being adversely affected. Ms. Marden said she thought those channels should be left off the plan but, otherwise, the Woods Hole Group is continuing to move forward.
- j) The Committee discussed the permitting needed for nourishment sites on the Comprehensive Permit. Ms. Marden said no SAP is necessary; the DEP will still require cores but they will let WHG choose the locations. Disposal is not under ACOE jurisdiction so they refer to DEP. Ms. Marden would like to do cores for Katama in June or early July, along with shellfish and eel grass surveys.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare