



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, June 23, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Dudley Levick, Peter Vincent

**Guests:** Michael Shalett, Julie Pringle

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

- a) A motion to approve the 6/9/22 draft minutes was made by Peter and seconded by Dudley. No further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0.
- b) The Committee received one application for a new member. The application was submitted by Michael Shalett. Ed stated that he had spoken with Mr. Shalett prior to the meeting to address concerns about his role as the President of the Great Pond Foundation. Mr. Shalett stated that he applied to be on the Dredge Committee due to his interest in water quality improvement efforts in the various Edgartown watersheds and his desire to make a positive impact for the town. He stated that although he used to live on the Great Pond, he has since moved so he has no personal conflict of interest. He has read through the 2022 minutes and understands the Committee's current priorities including renewal of the comprehensive permit, restoration of the dunes along the south shore, and protection of the eel grass and shellfish in Katama Bay. He has experience working on nourishment projects as well as with regulatory agencies.  
A motion was made by Peter to recommend to the Selectboard that Mr. Shalett be appointed to the Dredge Committee. Before seconding, Dudley stated that he has concerns about the potential conflict of interest regarding dredging in the Great Pond and the fact that Mr. Shalett has previously been before the Committee as a lobbyist for annual dredging in the Great Pond, a position that Dudley does not agree with. After some back and forth, Dudley and Mr. Shalett agreed that they could both work together in the best interests of the Great Pond as long as scientific data was being used to make decisions about the health of the pond. After stating he wants a written pond management plan, Dudley seconded the motion to recommend Mr. Shalett to the Selectboard. No further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0.
- c) Juliet updated the Committee on the project schedule for the Katama Landing. She met with Doug Cameron from the Department of Fish & Game who outlined the summer bidding schedule, with bids due in early August and a project start date of mid-October so as not to interfere with the Derby. Juliet also spoke with Carlos Pena of Foth Engineering; he will put together an estimate for construction oversight. Peter asked if the cost of the oversight would be shared with the State and the Committee agreed it was worth asking about. The Committee also discussed what to do if the bids come in over budget and it becomes necessary to scale back the project. The Committee will discuss this further should the need arise.
- d) Juliet updated the Committee on the Katama Bay Dredging project. She submitted the contract amendment paperwork (to transfer funds across fiscal years) to the State and was approved.

- e) Juliet updated the Committee on the Lighthouse Beach Project. After receiving feedback from NHESP that the application would require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) due to the presence of nesting shorebirds, and then speaking with Tara and Ed, it was decided that the best course of action was to withdraw the Notice of Project Change (NPC) and amend the application to a smaller dredging footprint. This will mean the area will need to be maintenance dredged regularly, as opposed to every 3-5 years, but not having to do an EIR will be a huge cost savings to the town. The Woods Hole Group will revise the application and resubmit with all dredging to be performed below mean low water so the birds will not be disturbed.
- f) The Committee reviewed the budget. Juliet informed them that the FinCom approved the end of year request for transfer but the Selectboard still needs to approve before the money can be spent. If the Selectboard approves the transfer, there will be about \$50k available to spend before the end of the fiscal year.  
Mr. Shalett stated that the GPF has a steel skiff for sale and asked if the Dredge was interested. Mr. Shalett was not sure what the length of the boat or the house power of the engine was so Ed said he would send the crew to check it out.  
Ed informed the Committee that he had spoken with Ellicot for an additional spare parts quote that includes a new front liner, pump casing, discharge line and impeller.  
Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the purchase of the additional spare parts pending the Selectboard's approval of the transfer.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) The Committee discussed the cost and logistics of renting a booster pump, per Jane's inquiry. Ed said he spoke with Ellicot and they will rent a booster pump for around \$35k per month, not including mobilization and demobilization or insurance costs. To purchase, it would be around \$320k. The booster pump adds about 3,000 ft of pumping distance, however, if placed on South Beach it would be approximately 9,000 feet away from the nourishment site and would still require the sand to be trucked the additional 6,000 feet. The Committee concluded that a booster pump is not worth consideration but was good to investigate the costs.
- i) Ed updated the Committee on the dredge. It's quiet at the barn as the crew are working their summer jobs but the hydraulic hoses have all been repaired and the batteries removed from the dredge and placed on trickle chargers so they don't have to be replaced at the start of the season.
- j) The Committee briefly discussed alternative options for protecting the sand at Fuller Street Beach.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare