



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Ryan Smith, Dudley Levick, Mike Shalett

Other: Chuck Fisher (OB Shellfish Constable)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Approval of the 7/21/22 minutes was postponed.
- b) Mr. Fisher stated that he had received information from Juliet on what it would cost to dredge the outside of the Little Bridge and had also considered the exchange of dredge services for dredged sand. Due to a limited budget and the need to still complete the Phase 2 dredging on the inside of the bridge next season, Mr. Fisher stated that he would be willing to give the dredged sand to Edgartown in exchange for dredging services.

The Committee discussed the value of the sand versus the value of the dredging work, and the shared benefit between the two towns of improving circulation in Sengecontacket. After some discussion it was decided that the exchange of sand for dredging services was mutually beneficial and a good arrangement for both parties. The Committee will use existing CPC funds to transport the dredged sand to Fuller Street Beach.

Motion placed on the floor by Mike to dredge the outside of the Little Bridge, at no cost to the Town of Oak Bluffs, but in exchange for approximately 5,000 CY of sand. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.

Ed told Mr. Fisher that the Committee would be in touch regarding the logistics, ie the location of and permission to store the fuel tank nearby.

- c) The Committee asked Mr. Fisher about the dredging of the OB Harbor Entrance Channel. Ed stated that he has spoken with Foth Engineer Mr. Pena, who had indicated that the Town of Oak Bluffs was looking to dredge the entrance channel to the harbor. Mr. Fisher said he had not heard anything about it. Ed clarified that if OB wants to use the Edgartown Dredge for this work, it would be billed at the full daily rate.

Mr. Fisher stated that he had a few questions for the Committee. First, he would like an estimate for Phase 2 of the Little Bridge dredging (to happen next year) prior to budget season so he can make sure he has adequate funds. Second, Mr. Fisher said that he had reconsidered removing Borrow Area #2 from the Comprehensive Dredge Permit renewal and would like some more time to evaluate as there is significant silt and shoaling is a concern. Finally, he said that he had spoken with OB Town Officials about how to assist with the renewal of the Comprehensive Permit and there was some willingness to do so, however he needs some additional information. Ed responded that assistance would include a financial contribution and may also include a collaborative effort to oppose the mounting costs imposed by the State for the renewal process.

Juliet asked Mr. Fisher if Oak Bluffs would like some form of written agreement for the dredging work at Little Bridge. Although there will be no exchange of money, a document outlining the parameters of the agreement would be appropriate. Mr. Fisher agreed. Juliet

will draft an agreement outlining the scope of work and exchange of goods/services and will send out for execution by both parties.

Mr. Fisher departed the meeting.

- d) The Committee discussed the FY23 dredging season. The Dredge will start at the Little Bridge and sand will likely be transported to Fuller Street Beach unless Jane is able to secure permits to nourish South Beach. Also under consideration for FY23 is the Great Pond. The Committee discussed how best to nourish the barrier beach at the Great Pond. Dudley stated that sand needs to be placed inside the barrier beach on the west side of the pond, which means nourishing private beaches; this needs to be discussed further. He continued that it is important to get homeowners in the area on board with the value of protecting the barrier beach at the Great Pond. Mike said he would be very interested to hear from scientists about the movement of the barrier beach. Dudley called for a clear policy on the pond openings. Ed reminded the Committee that the pond opening schedule is under the authority of the Shellfish Warden, not the Dredge Committee.
- e) Juliet informed the Committee that she still has not received information on when a post dredge survey will be conducted. She will follow up one more time but it's probably time to see if there's someone else who can do this.
- f) Juliet informed the Committee that the Seaport Economic Council officially awarded the Town \$96,000 for Lighthouse Beach dredging.
- g) Juliet informed the Committee that the State had received three bids for the Katama Landing Reconstruction. The State is reviewing the bids and will be in touch about awarding the contract.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) Ed stated that there is no dredge update – the spare parts have not yet been received.
- j) Juliet informed the Committee that she is assisting Mr. Morrison (Shellfish Constable) with a federal grant application to clear the Herring Creek that's due 8/15/22. Because of the short time frame, she asked the Committee if they would be willing to meet again the following week to discuss the application in greater detail and to invite other stakeholders to participate in the discussion as well. The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on 8/11/22 to discuss the project and application.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare