



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, November 10, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: David Bouck

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 10/27/22 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- b) Ed updated the Committee on the Little bridge project; dredging has been completed but there is still around 900-1,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach, which will take 2-3 days to transport. The dredging went smoothly and the crew was able to clean up a small spit on the inside of the bridge as well as the outside channel.
- c) There is a lot of sand currently being stored in large piles at the Right Fork parking lot. Someone from DCR reached out to NHESP about this, without informing the Town, so Jane had to deal with inquiries from Natural Heritage; she assured them that the temporary placement of the sand was authorized.
Jane said she will use some of the sand to build up the walkway to the beach at Right Fork, some of the sand will go to build up the dune in front of the bathhouses at Left Fork and the rest will go to the Norton Point entrance. Trucking will resume on Monday, after the bad weather passes. The Committee and Jane discussed getting someone to grade the beach after the sand has been delivered.
Ed stated that he would have a few truckloads taken over to Fuller Street Beach as well because Donny says there is not enough sand in Eel Pond to adequately nourish Fuller St. Ed also reported that there are plans to put in a mooring field in one of the dredging channels in Eel Pond, after which dredging will no longer be an option in that location. Dudley said the Little Bridge sand was rocky and would be good nourishment material for Fuller Street. Jane said the rest of the sand still at the Little Bridge can be trucked to Fuller Street, she has what she needs at Right Fork. Ed said he will leave about 400 cubic yards at the bridge to make sure that State Beach is restored to better than it was before the project.
The total amount of sand dredged at the Little Bridge is approximately 3,300 cubic yards.
- d) Jane informed the Committee that she met with CZM about why they denied the grant application for Phase 2 of the dune restoration project. CZM told her that DCR did not submit a letter of support, which was crucial as they are the owner of that part of the beach.

- e) The Committee discussed dredging in the Great Pond and how to best coordinate the winter opening so that the water height in the pond is optimal for maneuvering the dredge. Juliet will touch base with Rob Morrison about the timing of the cut.
- f) The Committee discussed where the sand from the Great Pond will go; this depends on the status of the beach and the ability to get trucks and equipment to the site. The Committee also discussed the status of the nourishment permits that the private residents are seeking for the barrier beach; Juliet will have to reach out to WHG for an update on this.
- g) Juliet informed the Committee that the updated project start date for the Katama Landing is December 19th.
- h) The Committee discussed a warrant article for regular beach nourishment. Ed said he spoke with the Parks Department and they will sponsor the article with ConCom and Dredge support. Warrant articles are due 12/16.
- i) The Committee discussed the Capital Programs 5 Year Plan. For FY24, a \$150,000 request for two new skiffs and two new engines; for FY25, a \$150,000 request for a custom trailer for the dredge; and for FY26, a \$250,000 request for a new front-end loader. Juliet will speak with James about whether the Committee should ask for some of the money for a new trailer this year, and the rest next year.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- k) Jane informed the Committee that the MESA permit is about to expire which will require some money to renew. Juliet said she is waiting to hear from the SEC about the grant application to determine how much permitting money to ask for at Town Meeting. Jane will talk to Amy at NHESP about the costs to prepare the MESA application.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare