



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, November 17, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Guests: John Crocker

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 11/10/22 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0. Peter abstains.
- b) Mr. Crocker, Tisbury Harbormaster, was present to request dredging of the Tashmoo Channel before the permitted dredging window closes on January 15th. Mr. Crocker stated that he verified with the Town Accountant that the funds are available and Woods Hole Group has confirmed that the permits are in place. He has contacted CR Environmental for the pre and post dredge surveys. He also has permission from the Town Administrator and Selectboard to proceed with contract negotiations. Ed said the crew is happy to bring the dredge over and give it a try but he is concerned about adverse weather this late in the season. Mr. Crocker said that most of the sand is on the outside of the channel, meaning the dredge would be exposed to inclement weather. There is also plenty of sand to be dredged on the inside of the channel, so if there's a few good weather days to work with, the dredging outside can probably be completed.
The Committee and Mr. Crocker then discussed the budget for the work. The Committee agreed to the same terms as the last time: \$16,000 for mobilization, \$7,500/day for dredging days and \$16,000 for demobilization (the price includes the use of the Dredge loader). Mr. Crocker said he thinks there's about 10,000 cubic yards to dredge. The Committee discussed how dredging Tashmoo would affect the rest of the dredge season. Ed said there is no sand in Eel Pond this year but Jane may not be ready to use the sand that is currently being stored at the Right Fork parking lot. Because dredging in the Great Pond can take place after January 15, there is still time to get the dredge into Great Pond after Tashmoo is completed.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to bring the dredge to Tashmoo and dredge as much as possible depending on the weather. Mike seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 5-0.
Juliet will update the contract from last time and send over to Mr. Crocker for review/approval. Mr. Crocker said he has up to \$140,000 to spend on the work so Juliet will write the contract as a not-to-exceed \$140k, which allows for 14.5 days of dredging. Mr. Crocker said the same project manager from last time would be handling on-site coordination. Mr. Crocker and Ed will get in touch to schedule a pre-dredge meeting with everyone involved.
- c) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

- d) Juliet informed the Committee that with the updated 2020 census information, Edgartown is no longer considered to be an Environmental Justice Community, which means Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) are no longer required as part of the engineering for the Katama Bay and Lighthouse Beach dredging sites.
- e) The Committee discussed submitting a warrant article for the transport of sand to various locations as well as an article to cover the cost of the crane to mobilize and demobilize the dredge in the Great Pond. The Committee decided to request a joint meeting with the Shellfish Department as the Shellfish Constable is the person responsible for recommending dredging in the Great Pond. The Committee also discussed co-sponsorship with ConCom and the Parks Department for a warrant article for sand transport, since they are the ones who are asking for the sand. Juliet will reach out to the Shellfish Dept to schedule a joint meeting before warrant articles are due on 12/16. Juliet will also reach out to the Parks Department to discuss projected costs for sand transport next year.

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare