



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 8th, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda (arrived late)

Guests: David Bouck

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 11/17/22 draft minutes. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- b) Ed reported that the crew started dredging the Tashmoo Channel yesterday. Leslie Fields from the Woods Hole Group is managing the project on-site. The contract has been fully executed by both Selectboards; Juliet will send the deposit invoice to Tisbury tomorrow. So far, there have been no equipment problems.
- c) The Committee discussed the warrant article requests for FY24. The first article request will be for two new skiffs. The Department submitted this as a request last year but it was not approved so they will try again this year as the skiffs are in rough shape and will not last another season. To stay consistent with the Capital Program 5 year plan, the amount of the request will be \$150k. Ed will get a quote from American Boat Company to confirm that's an appropriate amount. The second article request is the match funding for the SEC Grant award for renewal of the Comprehensive Permit. The amount of that request will be \$73k.
- d) The Committee discussed dredging in the Great Pond this season after Tashmoo has been completed. The Committee discussed the various factors, such as the balance of the operating budget, weather and beach conditions associated with dredging in the Great Pond and utilizing the nourishment material. Jane joined the meeting.
- e) After some discussion around the cost of transporting sand to the various locations in need, Jane stated that the Parks Department has requested \$70k in CPC funding for sand transport. Jane also said that the sand that is currently being stored at the Right Fork parking lot is not compatible material for South Beach so it will need to be trucked to Fuller St Beach. Jane noted that any sand coming from the Great Pond would be compatible material for South Beach nourishment.
- f) The Committee then discussed the need for additional funds to mobilize the dredge into the Great Pond. Mike suggested that a warrant article request for \$30k should be submitted so that funding is in place should the Shellfish Constable request dredging of the Great Pond. The Committee discussed the frequency with which the pond should be dredged. There was some disagreement amongst Committee members about how often the pond should be dredged, however, there was general consensus that it does not have

to happen every year; every 2-3 years is probably sufficient. Ultimately, it is at the discretion of the Shellfish Constable.

- g) Juliet asked the Committee to think about what they would like to include in the 2022 Annual Report, which is due in early January.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) The Committee reviewed an application submitted for the dredge crew. Last year's crew alternate has had some health problems this year so another alternate is needed. Motion placed on the floor by Ryan to accept the application submitted for the alternate position. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- j) The Committee discussed the operating and payroll budget requests for FY24. Motion placed on the floor by Ed to increase both budgets by 3%. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare