



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18th, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 18, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 7/21/22 draft minutes. Peter seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0. Mike abstains.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 8/4/22 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0. Peter abstains.
- c) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 8/11/22 draft minutes. Mike seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0. Peter abstains.
- d) The Committee reviewed the various accounts for an overall budget update. There are still CPC funds to transport sand to Fuller Street Beach, which can be used for the sand that will be dredged from the Little Bridge.
- e) The Committee reviewed a proposal from Foth Engineering for construction oversight for the Katama Landing Reconstruction. The proposal offers a not-to-exceed amount of \$39,950 that includes on-going construction supervision with weekly site visits, RFI responses and permit close-out services. The Committee determined that these services were necessary for the success of the project and compliance with the permits.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept Foth's proposal and engage their construction supervision services for the Katama Landing Reconstruction. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- f) Juliet informed the Committee that Mr. Cameron (OFBA) has requested the \$295,000 town share for the project and she would like the Committee's authorization to send that to the State.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to send the \$295,000 to Mr. Cameron's office. Mike seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) Ed informed the Committee that the status of the new truck is still in limbo and suggested that it might be time to start looking elsewhere as it's been on order for almost a year. Peter asked about the possibility of an electric truck; Ed responded that it would exceed the budget and would be better to wait a few more years for the technology to advance. Ed will get more information on the truck and report back at the next meeting.
- i) Juliet recapped her Comprehensive Permit meeting with Tara and Beth from the Woods Hole Group. Basically, Juliet requested a cost estimate from WHG for each individual dredging site so that the Committee can better understand the overall cost of the maintenance permit process and can also prioritize dredging locations to be included. This estimate will also allow Juliet to put together an accurate grant application to the SEC. Tara said she will have this completed by the first week of September. The Committee discussed whether it was necessary to keep all 14 dredging sites considering the permit only lasts 5 years (with an

additional 5 year renewal option). Ed stated that it used to be much less work and much lower cost to obtain dredging permits, however, it is still easier to renew than it is to permit something new so it's important to keep the existing locations on the permit so they are considered maintenance dredging sites. Ed stated that the costs for permitting now are astronomical and the Town should be working a political angle as well to try and keep the costs down. This is, after all, work the Town has been doing for over 25 years without State assistance; we should be able to keep doing what we've been doing without having it cost the tax payers half a million dollars. The Committee will await the cost estimate from Woods Hole Group and seek further clarity from the State on the process. Once that information is in hand, they will consult with the Selectboard about how to proceed.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare