



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

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

**Guests:** David Bouck, Morton Fearey

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Michael to approve the 1/26/23 draft minutes. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0-1. Peter abstains.  
Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 2/9/23 draft minutes. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed 4-0-1. Michael abstains.
- b) Ed reported that dredging in the Great Pond was completed this morning. The pipe has been removed from the beach to be disassembled. The crew will remove the rest of the equipment shortly. A lot of sand was dredged from the pond and placed on the beach but much of it has disappeared. The Great Pond will be opened in the next couple weeks.
- c) All the sand being stored at the Right Fork parking lot has been removed. The Highway Department will take the cobble that was screened from the sand. The next task is to move the remaining sand from the Little Bridge over to Fuller St Beach. The crew will assist with the loader and that will close out the season.
- d) Mr. Fearey was present to speak with the Committee about dredging in Eel Pond and to share his concerns about the spit of sand that is disappearing. Mr. Fearey said he spoke with a Foth Engineer who suggested that the areas Mr. Fearey would like to have dredged should be added to the Town's Comprehensive Permit. Mr. Fearey said he would be happy to contribute to the cost of adding additional areas to the permit. The Committee had no objection to increasing the dredging area in Eel Pond. The Committee discussed the dynamic nature of the area and how that could possibly be better controlled to keep sand from washing away. The Committee is working on permitting the Eel Pond spit as a nourishment location for the Lighthouse Beach sand and will send the engineering plan to Mr. Fearey when it's received.
- e) Ed stated that he does not have an update on the new truck. He has spoken with a Ford salesman and the availability of vehicles is increasing. The previous order has been cancelled by the vendor.
- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- g) The Committee discussed the Comprehensive Permit renewal and decided that it would be in the Town's best interest to get price quotes from additional engineering firms. The Committee had concerns that Woods Hole Group is overextended with projects at this time.

Motion placed on the floor by Michael to have Juliet explore other Engineering firms to assist with the renewal of the Comprehensive Permit. Peter seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed, 5-0.

- h) The Committee discussed the article in the newspaper about dredging in the Great Pond. Dudley stated that dredging contributes to longer openings, which bleed the pond of its fresh water supply, limiting the number of openings per year. He continued that this is detrimental to the pond because different species need openings at different times of year to spawn. Mr. Bouck said he would like to sit down with Dudley and speak further about his concerns.

The next meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare