



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda

**Guests:** Tara Marden, David Bouck

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

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 2/23/23 draft minutes. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 4-0.
- b) Dredging at the Sluiceway has been completed. The dredge was hauled and is at the town barn. The crew will start on annual maintenance shortly, and will repaint once the maintenance has been completed. Purchase of any needed replacement parts will depend on funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year.
- c) Jane reported that she is very happy with the sand that has been placed on the beach at Left Fork. The rest of the sand at the Little Bridge has been transported to Fuller Street Beach, with two truckloads reserved for placement later in the spring. Tara stated that a couple of the abutters to Fuller Street Beach are also doing some nourishment to their beaches, which will benefit Fuller St. Collins Beach also received some sand.
- d) Tara provided the Committee with an update on the Lighthouse Beach dredging permit. The dredge design and engineering plan has been completed, including the alternatives analysis, which Tara will provide to the Committee. She is recommending the option that allows for dredging of about 7,000 CY because the agencies have not been receptive to the larger footprints previously proposed. Tara stated that Natural Heritage said Fuller Street Beach is not suitable nesting habitat, so she has been working with Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to get approval to place the sand at the Eel Pond spit instead. Jane commented that if NH deems Fuller Street Beach unsuitable nesting habitat, the time of year restriction for beach nourishment should be removed. Tara is working on gathering the Notice of Project change documents for the project and is planning to submit them at the end of March. She would like to have another pre-submittal meeting before then. The Committee then discussed whether a more significant amount of sand could be placed on the Eel Pond spit to restore the area to its former status. The Committee had no objection to Tara's recommendation to submit a scaled-back plan for Lighthouse Beach dredging.
- e) Tara then updated the Committee on the Katama Bay dredging permit. There will be a pre-application meeting with ALL the agencies on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Tara stated that the Town is no longer deemed an EJ Community, which means an Environmental Impact Report is

no longer needed. Tara made some recommendations on areas that she thinks should be removed from the dredging plan due to muddy cores. The Committee had no objection.

- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- g) Juliet informed the Committee that she sent the scope of work for the Comprehensive Permit renewal to two other engineering firms: Foth, who is the engineer for the Katama Landing project, and Child's, the engineer for the Memorial Wharf and North Wharf projects.
- h) The next meeting will be on March 23.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare