



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2023

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda, Rob Morrison

**Guests:** Darci Schofield

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

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 7/13/23 meeting.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Michael to approve the draft minutes. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (4-0).*
- b) Rob was present to discuss the Shellfish Committee's recommendations for dredging locations for the upcoming season. The Shellfish Committee is recommending three areas for dredging: Poucha Pond, the Narrows and the Gut. Rob stated that the Narrows are very shallow at the moment and the Gut would benefit from some maintenance dredging. The Committee discussed the tidal flow in the various areas and Dudley asked if Rob has measured the tidal flow into Poucha Pond as he doesn't believe dredging would be beneficial there.
- c) Ms. Schofield, the director of the Trustees for the island, was present to request nourishment material for various TTOR properties on Chappy. She said there are a number of trails that need to be elevated and better maintained and she is looking to make regular maintenance a part of TTOR's operations. She is interested in any and all sand that Town can provide. The Committee discussed the various areas that are permitted for dredging and how sand could be transported to TTOR's properties. Ms. Schofield said she is hoping most locations will not require permits for placing sand, but she still has some permitting and funding details to work out. Jane stated that permits are possible by this fall, but an engineering design will be required.
- d) The Committee discussed other possible dredging locations for the upcoming season. Oak Bluffs would like to continue dredging the Little Bridge, both inside the pond and outside. Oak Bluffs has funding to pay for dredging inside the bridge and the towns can again barter dredge services for sand for the outside portion.
- e) Ed stated that it would be possible to dredge the areas in Cape Pogue that were recommended by the Shellfish Committee, and then to head over to the Little Bridge and dredge there. Rob and Donny Benefit will go and survey in Cape Pogue to determine how many dredging days are needed. Ed stated that Tisbury is not ready for dredging this year, but will be requesting the Edgartown dredge for multiple areas in 2024-2025.

- f) The Committee reviewed the insurance quote and confirmed that no changes to coverage were needed.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the insurance proposal provided by MMA. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (4-0).*
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) Ed stated that the new workboat needs to be named so that the paperwork can be processed. He asked the Committee for ideas. After some discussion, the Committee decided to submit suggestions via email and vote on the favorite. Ed needs a name by Monday.
- i) Juliet stated that it was time to place the annual ad for the dredge crew.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Peter to authorize Juliet to place an advertisement in the paper for the seasonal dredge crew. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (4-0).*

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare