



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 28th, 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: Joel Kubick

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 9/14/23 meeting.
Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 9/14/23 draft minutes. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (4-0).
- b) Regarding the FY24 dredging season, the plan is still to dredge the Gut, the Narrows and the Dike Bridge in Cape Pogue.
- c) The Committee discussed the public access easements needed for the renewal of the nourishment locations on the Comprehensive Permit. There was concern that property owners would not want to grant these easements; if they are granted, the cost to record the easements would fall to the town. Joel clarified that easements are only needed for nourishment locations below mean high water.
*Ryan departs the meeting.
The Committee discussed modifying the nourishment locations included on the Comprehensive Permit to include only those that are town-owned, or that are above mean high water. Ed, Jane and Juliet will review the list of property-owners to decide which areas are the most important nourishment areas.
- d) The Committee reviewed the outline for the letter to the permitting agencies regarding the difficulties of obtaining dredging permits. Juliet will incorporate the feedback into a final draft for the Committee to review at the next meeting.
- e) Ed updated the Committee on the workboat. All equipment has been picked up by Myer; delivery to the island will probably be delayed another week but this will have no effect on operations as the two white boats are ready to go.
- f) The dredge is set to be launched in mid-October, for a dredging start date around the first of November. Juliet will submit the Work-Start notifications.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) The Committee discussed the Packer sand and whether it has been tested for heavy metals. Joel will look at what testing has been done and Jane/Ed will take a look at the sand itself.

At 4:51pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare