



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, October 19th, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: Joel Kubick, Russ Hopping, Darci Schofield

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 9/28/23 meeting.
Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 9/28/23 draft minutes. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (3-0-2). Peter and Ryan abstain.
- b) Ed informed the representatives from the Trustees that sand dredged from the Narrows will be placed on East Beach, to the left of the Dike Bridge. The Trustees will use the sand to nourish the road and will also place sand at Tom Neck's point. Ed said that if the Trustees can have a truck on-site when the sand is being dredged, the crew can load sand. Following the placement of the sand elsewhere, the crew will also grade East Beach. The Committee discussed specific nourishment locations and where to mobilize the pipe. Mr. Hopping said he does not foresee any issues with placing the pipe in the discussed locations.
- c) Ed stated that the dredge will be launched on 10/31/23. It will take 3-4 days to mobilize it to the Cape Pogue Gut. Dredging there will be 7-10 days and then the dredge will move over to the Narrows and Dike Bridge approach. Sand from the Gut will be placed on the southern side of North Neck Road. The permit allows 4,070 cubic yards of sand to be dredged from the Narrows; Ed said they will likely dredge the full amount to improve water flow into Poucha Pond, per the request of the Shellfish Committee. Ed said the sand can be left in a pile on East Beach until April 1st, per the Conservation Agent. Juliet will provide the Trustees with maps of the permitted nourishment locations. Mr. Hopping asked whether OSV access would be closed during dredging. Ed responded that the crew will bury the pipe so OSV access will not be blocked. Ms. Schofield asked about costs. Ed responded that there is nowhere else the sand can go so the Trustees can take it at no cost other than those associated with moving it to the desired locations.
- d) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the workboat. It is currently being painted and it's looking like the ship date will be around the 30th of October. There are some issues with the trailer that are requiring it be rebuilt, which Myer is doing. The current plan is to deliver the boat by tractor trailer to New Haven where it will be commissioned

and then driven to the island. Myer is prepared to reimburse any expenses associated with the delivery and will deliver the trailer at a later date,

The black boat will need to be disposed of.

- e) The Committee discussed the requirement that all property-owners of nourishment sites for the Comprehensive Permit will need to record a public access easement. This was always a requirement but was not previously enforced; it is being enforced now. Joel said he spoke with Amy Hoenig (NHESP) yesterday and the newly-discovered beetles on South Beach will be a concern when it comes to trucking sand from the Great Pond, however, she had no objection to the placement of sand to rebuild the dunes.
- f) Juliet is still working on the permitting letter.
- g) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- h) Jane informed the Committee that the Town is having problems engaging with the Trustees over who is responsible for the repairs to the Dike Bridge. She wondered if the sand being given to them, free of charge, could be used to persuade them to discuss shouldering the cost of the Dike Bridge repairs. Ed said he will speak with James Hagerty about this.
- i) The next meeting will be in two weeks.

At 4:48pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare