



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, November 16th, 2023 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Kara Shemeth

Guests: Judy Murphy

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 10/19/23 draft minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed **(4-0-1)**. Peter abstains.
- b) Juliet and Ed provided the Committee with a synopsis of their meeting with Joel regarding the permit process. Both the Lighthouse and Katama Bay projects are still in the MEPA pre-application phase and WHG is working with NHESP to design the nourishment areas. The Comprehensive Permit is still in the analysis phase.
- c) Juliet reached out to Steve McKenna from CZM to discuss the difficulties with the dredge permitting process but has not spoken with him yet.
- d) The Committee discussed the easements needed for the nourishment locations for the Comprehensive Permit. The Committee felt these were excessive and would dissuade property owners from participating. They also felt the easements were not needed in perpetuity and property owners could allow access on an as-needed basis. The Committee mulled the idea seeking legal advice for how to proceed.
- e) The Committee discussed the role of NHESP in the permitting process and how the town can convey to her the need to consider the impacts of not dredging the harbor entrance channel because it's potential nesting habitat. Access to the harbor, as well as other factors such as water quality and aquaculture, need to be balanced with the protection of endangered species.
- f) The Committee discussed potential warrant article requests including additional money needed for permitting and a trailer for the dredge.
- g) Ed reported that mobilization finished up today and dredging will start tomorrow. The new workboat is in the water and working well.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills, which included the invoice for the workboat.
- i) Ed stated that he would like to purchase two new engines with the remaining workboat funds to replace the 2010 and 2012 engines. This will give the crew three working boats to utilize.

Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the purchase of two new engines. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously **(5-0)**.

Ed will get some quotes.

- j) The next meeting will be in two weeks.

At 4:45pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare