



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 14th, 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, Kara Shemeth

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 11/30/23 meeting.
Motion placed on the floor by Ryan to approve the 11/30/23 draft minutes. Mike seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (3-0-1). Peter abstains. Dudley not present at time of vote.
- b) The Committee discussed the warrant article requests for FY25. The two requests are \$50k for engineering for permits and \$150k for a custom trailer, as submitted on the Capital Plan.

*Dudley joins the meeting.

- c) The Committee discussed the FY25 operating and payroll budget request.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to level-fund the operating budget and to add the COLA offered to town employees to the payroll budget. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).
- d) Juliet asked the Committee to start thinking about the Annual Report, which is due 1/12/24.
- e) Juliet gave the Committee a synopsis of the Dredge Summit. It was an impressive gathering of Local, State and Federal representatives. Presentations were made by a variety of agencies and local officials were given the opportunity to ask questions. There were about 75 attendees and a commitment was made to convene on an annual basis. The takeaway was that other towns are experiencing the same issues with the permitting process that Edgartown is. There wasn't much resolution but getting everyone at the table was a good first step.
- f) Ed updated the Committee on dredging: the Gut has been completed; the pipe needs to be removed and the beach needs to be graded. The dredge has been moved to the Narrows. There are two loaders and an excavator on site, paid for by the Trustees, to move sand. Jane will do a site visit next week.
- g) Ed stated that Mr. Gammill will start his annual dredging around Christmas. The dredge loader will go there after it's done on Chappy.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

- i) Juliet informed the Committee that an application was submitted for the dredge crew. Peter Jackson has been out this season with pneumonia and the dredge crew needs an extra set of hands. Ed recommended that the Committee approve the hiring of applicant Devan Green, who has relevant experience.

Motion placed on the floor by Mike to hire Mr. Green as an alternate. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).

At 4:25pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare