



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:01pm on Thursday, January 11th, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda, Kara Shemeth, Joel Kubick

Guests: David Bouck, Andrew Kelly*

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 1/4/24 meeting.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 1/4/24 minutes. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (4-0-1). Dudley abstains.
- b) The Committee reviewed the quotes for the outboard engines. All three quotes were for Yamaha engines. The low quote was submitted by MV Shipyard.
Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept the low quote from MV Shipyard and place the order for two engines. Mike seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).
- c) The Committee reviewed the draft Annual Report. Ed said to check with Donny to confirm the amount of sand that was dredged from the Narrows.
Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve and submit the 2023 Annual Report for the Dredge Department. Peter seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).
- d) Ed reported that dredging at the Narrows has been completed. Most of the sand that was placed on East Beach washed away with the January 9th storm but Chappy residents are thrilled with the road nourishment. The department loader is coming back from Chappy tomorrow so that it can be used to assist the Highway Department for the upcoming storm, if needed. The crew is bringing the pipe over to Katama so it can be brought down the beach to the Great Pond. The dredge will stay on Chappy until next week as it is well protected from the storm there. When the weather improves, it will be brought to Katama as well. The season in Cape Pogue was smooth, there were no major issues or breakdowns.
- e) Jane questioned whether the dredge could be put to work in Katama Bay while it awaits the crane. The sand is desperately needed for Norton Point, Left Fork and the South Beach dunes. The permit only allows dredging until January 15th, but an extension request can be submitted to the permitting agencies.

*Andy Kelly joins the meeting.

Ed responded that it would be very easy to dredge in Katama Bay until the crane arrives on the 28th. The Committee discussed the condition of the beach and the equipment that

would be needed to get the sand to the desired nourishment locations. This will not affect the dredge going into the Great Pond.

Andy noted the priority areas that sand is needed, specifically Left Fork and the entrance to Norton Point. The permits to nourish are in place and the nourishment footprint would be the same as it was for Phase 1 and 2 of the joint project with TTOR that was completed a couple years ago.

Ed will get quotes for the needed equipment.

- f) Andy reported that the road to Right Fork has caved in and is currently impassable.
- g) There will be a site visit to Left Fork on Monday morning to further assess what is needed and develop an action plan.
- h) The Committee discussed the volume of sand available in the Great Pond. Ed will send the crew to survey the area.
- i) The Committee discussed the balance of the FY24 operating budget. There is currently \$95k remaining. With the costs to mobilize and demobilize the dredge into the Great Pond, there is approximately \$60k available to assist with transporting sand. James is working on securing emergency funds and both Parks and the ConCom have funds to contribute to dune nourishment.
- j) Joel provided the Committee with an update on the permitting process. He is hoping to be ready to present to the Conservation Commission at the end of February. He also noted a DEP document from 2007 that provides guidance on rebuilding of primary coastal dunes which he will send to Jane.
- k) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- l) The Committee discussed the height of the Great Pond before and after the storm. David stated that the pond rose about 1.5 feet in a matter of 12 hours during the most recent storm.
- m) The Committee will meet again next week.

At 4:44 pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare