



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

February 29, 2024

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Peter Vincent, Dudley Levick, Michael Shalett

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda, Kara Shemeth

**Guests:** David Bouck

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from the 2/8/24 meeting.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 2/8/24 minutes. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (3-0-1). Michael abstains.*
- b) Ed updated the Committee on dredging: the crew finished up in Katama last Tuesday. To date, approximately 4,600 cubic yards of sand has been moved to Left Fork. There was an issue with the loader last week that took a couple days to sort out, which necessitated the hiring of another loader for one day of work. The dredge will be pulled from Katama and mobilized to the Great Pond tomorrow.
- c) Ed said the beach to Great Pond still looks passable for haul trucks so the dredge will start piling sand at the dewatering area.
- d) The Committee discussed the remaining budget and the updated costs. Jane has \$70k in her budget to move sand. Ed will talk to James about how to secure additional funds; it doesn't look like the town will be receiving any State or Federal assistance for this. The Committee agreed to keep moving sand until the budget is exhausted.
- e) The Committee discussed the need for a long term solution as dune rebuilding is very expensive and not a sustainable way to protect the road and the Herring Creek.
- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills. The Committee decided to hold off on paying the Woods Hole Group invoices until an update on the permit projects is provided.
- g) The Committee and Jane discussed that beach grass will need to be purchased and installed to help stabilize the newly-built dunes.
- h) The Committee will meet again on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

At 4:37pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare