



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Peter Vincent, Dudley Levick, Ryan Smith

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda, Kara Shemeth

**Guests:** Adam Turner, Liz Durkee

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

- a) The Committee welcomed Adam Turner and Liz Durkee from the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Mr. Turner provided the Committee with a brief update on the Town's Dredge Master Plan, which was last updated in 2018. Mr. Turner said he is pledging to update the Dredge Master Plan this year. He then updated the Committee on the Town's Harbor Plan update. The last time the Harbor Plan was updated was 1997, with another informal (never adopted) update in 2014. The MVC has been working with the Harbor Planning Committee and CZM to update the Harbor Plan; Mr. Turner and Ms. Durkee are present to consult with the Dredge Committee on dredging-related aspects of the Harbor Plan.
- b) The Committee discussed the biggest issue facing the dredge program: the cost and lengthy timelines for the permitting process, which they agreed is substantially more difficult than the actual dredging. The Committee suggested that one of the Dredge-related goals in the plan should be a proactive effort to revise the permitting process. Juliet will send Adam and Liz the draft of the permitting letter the Committee worked on a few months back. Mr. Turner said the MVC can absolutely assist with that and they are happy to send a letter of their own.
- c) The Committee discussed the short and long-term rehabilitation efforts for South Beach. The short term issue is a shortage of sand and available funding; the long-term issue is relocating Atlantic Drive to the other side of the Herring Creek.

At 4:30pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare