



Edgartown Marine Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Marine Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:00pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Bruce McIntosh

Advisors: Jane Varkonda, Kara Shemeth

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes of the 2/21/24 meeting.

Motion placed on the floor by Bruce to approve the 2/21/24 draft meeting minutes. Ed seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (2-0).

III. DISCUSSION WITH CONSERVATION AGENT ON PUBLIC ACCESS

The Committee discussed the public access points at the Harborside Inn and the Atlantic Restaurant. Jane said she has been chasing this issue for a long time but has not heard anything since before Covid. She continued that there is now a new contact person at DEP who brought the public access issue up with her on a call last week. She thinks now would be a good time for the town to revamp the effort for improved public access in those areas. Bruce said the Committee discussed drafting a letter to the State to outline the issue and getting it on the record; Jane was very much in support of this. Ed stated that the commercial marine license renewals are coming up and he would like to have the relevant information compiled so that both entities can be invited in to discuss. The Committee asked Jane to reach out to the new DEP contact for more information, which she will do.

IV. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Charlie not present.

V. DREDGE REPORT

Ed stated that the dredge is pumping in the Great Pond but over-sand access for haul trucks is still not confirmed. The sand will be trucked back to build up the dunes protecting Atlantic Drive, if the haul trucks can access the sand. The crew will dredge for another two weeks; the dredge is set to be hauled from the pond on April 2nd.

VI. WHARF COMMITTEE REPORT

The North Wharf project is still on track to be completed by mid-April. The fuel tanks will not be removed as part of the work; they will either be removed this fall, or at a future date pending DEP approval for an extension to leave them in place. The electrical infrastructure on site was all found to be in poor condition, so it will all get replaced as part of the project.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

None.

The next meeting will be March 27, 2024.

At 3:35pm a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare