



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:01pm on Thursday, May 23, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Kara Shemeth

Guests: Maria Ventura, Donovan McElligatt

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Mr. McElligatt, Oak Bluffs Shellfish Constable, was present to introduce himself to the Committee and establish a working relationship to address dredging needs in Sengekontacket. Oak Bluffs would like to do another large project to clear out the channel by the Little Bridge. The Committee discussed what is needed from Oak Bluffs to put together a plan, with the biggest hurdle being the permitting. Ed noted that since the pond is a shared asset between the two towns, the costs for maintaining it have also been shared, including the permitting costs. The Committee discussed other logistics, such as the timeline and costs for a large dredging project.
- b) The Committee reviewed the 4/25/24 draft minutes.
Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve the 4/25/24 draft minutes. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (3-0-1). Mike abstains.
- c) Ed updated the Committee on the equipment: the issue with the fuel tank on the new skiff has been resolved, and the boat is seaworthy again. The dredge pump is out and being disassembled, the dredge itself is being repainted. The engine was removed from the white skiff and much-needed fiberglass repairs are being done.
- d) The Committee discussed the budget. Ed said he spoke with James and there are funds available for reimbursing the operating budget with the Special Town Meeting article that passed. Ed said he would like to have the crew work through June and would also like to order a new spare parts package with the reimbursement funds. He will bring a list of parts to the next meeting.
- e) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- f) The Committee welcomed Maria Ventura, the new Director of Operations and Communications for the Great Pond Foundation. She will be attending meetings regularly and will be working with the Committee to maintain the health of the pond.

At 4:45pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare