



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2024

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, June 13, 2024 via Zoom teleconference.

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

The following persons were present:

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

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

- a) The Committee reviewed the 5/8/24 and 5/23/24 draft minutes.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Mike to approve both sets of draft minutes. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed (4-0-1).* Peter abstains on the 5/8/24 minutes, Ryan abstains on the 5/23/24 minutes.
- b) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the equipment: the hydraulic pump in the loader was replaced, some additional parts are also being worked on; the fiberglass on the skiff has been repaired; the dredge is undergoing regular maintenance and parts are being replaced as needed.
- c) The Committee discussed the FY24 operating budget, which has about \$20k remaining.
- d) The Committee reviewed a quote from Ellicot for replacement parts. Ed stated that he included about \$24k in maintenance costs with the budget for the STM article; between that money and the remaining budget, the cost of the spare parts can be covered.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the Ellicot quote and purchase the spare parts. Dudley seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (5-0).*
- e) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- f) The Committee discussed the situation with Lighthouse Pond. The permits were paid for by a private resident on the pond, but now the decision must be made whether to roll it into the Comprehensive Permit or keep it as a standalone. The town dredge would not be used to dredge the pond because it's too big, so the Committee questioned whether this dredging would be under their purview.
- g) The Army Corps has acknowledged the submission of the Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Comprehensive Permit.
- h) The Committee discussed where to dredge next season if the WQC does not get extended to the end of the year. Ed will invite the Tisbury Harbormaster to the next meeting to discuss dredging the Vineyard Haven harbor.
- i) Mike recapped the Great Pond stakeholders' meeting that took place at Slough Farm the previous week. There was a lot of good discussion, and potential for collaboration moving forward, as well as potential support for the dredge permitting process difficulties.
- j) Ed said he is in communication with a few manufacturers to put together a design for the custom dredge trailer. He is planning to go off island to see some in person.
- k) The Committee discussed that it is important to get the Selectboard involved in the permitting process issues, and the implications of not having a dredging permit this year, especially after the previous season's storms. Mike will speak with James about this.

At 4:38pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare