

Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 22, 2024, via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Peter Vincent, Michael Shalett

Guests: Jane Varkonda, Maria Venture

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the equipment: The dredge is painted except for the main deck which is ongoing. The Loader has been painted in all areas that needed it. The Carolina skiff has had the rub rails repaired and the new outboard has been hung on the transom. Work is ongoing, with rigging the outboard.
- b) The Committee discussed the dredging plan for this winter, which is Tashmoo with a start date of approximately Oct15. Vineyard Haven does not have permits in hand yet for the project but expects to have them in time.
- c) Joel Kubick from the Woods Hole Group was unable to attend but did send an update via email (attached). The need for a project manager for the permits was discussed. Not for actually doing engineering but to keep up with paperwork and the various agencies. Jane would like to keep that job in-house and graciously offered the Con Com's assistance as it is committee's opinion that the permitting process has bogged down and that the town needs to advocate for itself.
- d) The Dredge Department received applications for employment from 5 people with everyone from last year returning except one person.
Peter Made a motion and Michael seconded to accept all the applications with the understanding that no more than 3 people will work at once while dredging. The motion passed unanimously.
- e) The Committee then discussed the current status of administrative support for the Dredge Dept. There is a possibility that the new facilities manager may be able to take over.
In the meantime, Michael made a motion and Peter seconded, to hire Juliet Mulinare as a contractor to pay bills and reconcile grant funding with said bills and any other administrative support required. The motion passed unanimously.
- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills with the exception of the Woods Hole Group, which was deferred until the next meeting.

At 4:44pm, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Ed Handy

Subject: RE: Edgartown Dredging projects

From: Kubick Joel <jkubick@woodsholegroup.com>

Date: 8/22/24, 14:08

To: Ed Handy <ed@skoradesign.com>, Jane Varkonda <jvarkonda@edgartown-ma.us>, Kara Shemeth <kshemeth@edgartown-ma.us>

CC: Gurney Beth <bgurney@woodsholegroup.com>,"

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Good afternoon all,

I can't attend today's Dredge Advisory meeting but want to get you an update on our permitting work.

Comprehensive Permit Renewals:

We are still awaiting approval of the Sediment Analysis Plan (SAP) from Army Corps and DEP that we submitted back in mid July with some supplemental information sent in a few weeks ago.

Once we receive that we will be able to perform the required corings within the dredge footprints.

Dredging and nourishment plans are complete.

Lighthouse Beach Dredging:

We received the Expanded ENF certificate (attached) for the Lighthouse Beach dredging project.

The good news is that an EIR is not required.

This site currently is not included in the Comprehensive Permit, but was originally expected to have been allowed under the soon to expire Comp. permit through a Notice of Project Change (NPC).

This process has taken several years to get to this point and now needs new permits rather than amendments to what were existing Comp. permits when we started.

It will require filing a Notice of Intent (NOI), Water Quality Certificate (WQC), Chapter 91 permit,

Army Corps Individual Permit, and CZM Federal Consistency review.

The current remaining permitting budget from our original proposal for the Grant work is \$27,635.82.

Our estimated cost to pursue the individual permitting for this project comes to \$47,000 so we would need to get your approval to pursue that work with a budget increase of \$19,364.18.

The town should confirm with the Seaport Economic Council that their grant funding can be reallocated to this alternative permitting pathway.

The individual permitting would likely get issued before the Comprehensive permits are issued so it could be available to perform that work.

Katama Bay Dredging:

We are finalizing the Expanded ENF documents along with Tara's involvement in the writeups, but are awaiting confirmation that South Beach will be included as a nourishment site dependent on DCR support.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to coordinate another time to discuss anything.

Thank you,

9/3/24, 11:38 Joel Kubick, PE, PLS, CFM

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Attachments:

14425 NPC4 Proposed Lighthouse Beach Improvement Dredging

Excavation Beneficial Reuse of Sediments - Edgartown.pdf

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