



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

March 5th, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 5th, 2020 at the Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Ed Handy, Dudley Levick, Ryan Smith, Rick Hamilton

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Ed informed the Committee that the dredge has been repainted and the skiff rebuilt. The guys will continue to work on other maintenance items. Bumpers have been ordered.
- b) Ed has spoken with Tara regarding Lighthouse Beach; the wave data collection has been done, they are now starting on the alternatives for the area (groin vs. other). Once the alternative analysis has been completed, Tara would like to make a presentation to the Committee. She expects this to be sometime in late April. All the paperwork has been filed to mechanically dredge the pond.
- c) Ed presented two quotes, one for a new loader bucket (\$6500) and another for four new truck tires (\$1000). The Committee reviewed the budget and decided to wait until closer to the end of the year to authorize these purchases.
- d) Ed stated that a welder may need to be hired to repair the black skiff.
- e) Ed informed the Committee that there will be an event in Norwood on March 24th, the Dredge Committee is invited to discuss the success of Edgartown's program. Juliet will get more information from Tara.
- f) The Committee discussed the Master Plan. Dudley thinks it should be simplified substantially. He suggested that the presentation Ed made to the group from Orleans would be the appropriate information to include; it shouldn't be more than two pages.
- g) Dudley also stated that longer openings at the Great Pond do not mean greater flushing of the pond. Ed responded that it's not in the Dredge Committee's purview to conduct analysis on the pond, that's the job of the Shellfish Committee and the Great Pond Foundation. The Dredge Committee responds to requests and recommendations for dredging certain areas. Dudley reiterated that more discussion on the Great Pond would lead to better insight. The Committee encouraged him to speak with the Shellfish Committee.
- h) Jane asked the Committee if there would be any chance that Left Fork could receive nourishment sand next season.

- i) Motion placed on the floor by Rick to help Jane and the Conservation Committee with nourishment at Left Fork, regardless of where the dredge ends up next season. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken, approved 4-0.
- j) The Committee discussed next season's dredge location. If for some reason the Great Pond is not feasible, other possible locations include Eel Pond and the Katama Channel.
- k) Dudley requested that Paul Bagnall and the Shellfish Committee attend a dredge meeting so they can make their case about openings at the Great Pond.
- l) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare