



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, October 8, 2020 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall

Guests: Tara Marden (Woods Hole Group)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 9/24/20 draft minutes. Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken and approved 4-0. Ryan abstains.
- b) Juliet reported that she had not heard from the GPF regarding the status of the donation or dredging. Paul stated that the pond needs a good flush, but recognized the tough logistics and funding limitations. He said there is bacteria in the pond that would be mitigated with a flush, and he wants to have sand available for the nourishment project at Left Fork. He noted that the permits for the Great Pond allow for dredging until April 1st, so there is still time to weigh the options. He said it could be put off for one more year, but next year is a hard deadline.
- c) The Committee asked Juliet to reach out to Emily Reddington to touch base.
- d) Ed stated that the care of the pond is the responsibility of the Town and should be dredged based on Paul's status report; the decision on whether to do so this year does not have to be made for a month or so.
- e) The Committee approved the draft 5 year plan for the Capital Programs Committee.
- f) Tara summarized the work that Woods Hole Group has completed for the Lighthouse Beach project. They have put together an analysis of the options for dredging and possible structures to help stabilize the beach and slow/prevent accretion into the harbor channel. The option they are recommending is a groin field with 5-6 adjustable groins. This option has the least environmental impact and is the most effective. It is also an option that could later be modified or removed.
- g) Tara will reach out to MEPA for a pre-application meeting and will work with Jane to set something up.
- h) The Committee had a couple requests for data from the WHG: Peter asked for a calculation that represents how quickly the entrance channel would fill in if no action was taken; Ryan asked for a comparison of that scenario versus a scenario where groins were integrated.
- i) The Committee will review the report and discuss the options presented at their next meeting.

- j) Ed stated that mobilization is currently slated for October 26. He said there are some issues with the ladder hydraulic cylinder, it really needs to be replaced before it causes other issues. The cylinder itself is about \$5k and the mounting equipment is an additional \$3k. Ed wants to have a back-up on site in case it needs to be replaced in an emergency.
- k) The Committee reviewed quotes from MMA and MVI for the dredge insurance policy. MMA provided a lower quote.
- l) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to accept the proposal from MMA. Dudley seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- m) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- n) Ed will look at options for pricing out a truck to haul sand this winter.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare