



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 24th, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:04pm on Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at the Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) In reviewing the minutes, Dudley stated that he did not have a problem with the catch report in the Master Plan update, however he feels the information in the catch report contradicts the narrative that accompanies it. Juliet will modify the 12/27/18 minutes to clarify this.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve both the 12/27/18 and the 1/10/19 meeting minutes; Rick seconds, no further discussion, approved unanimously.
- c) Ed informed the Committee that dredging has been completed. The dredge will be moved to Katama tomorrow (wind prevented it from being moved today) and Baxter will be here Monday to haul. The boys will take care of the pipe as soon as the dredge is out of the water.
- d) Juliet and Jane provided the Committee with an overview of the meeting they attended last Friday in Lakeville, MA at DEP SERO. There were a number of state officials there, including representatives from DEP, MEPA, Mass Wildlife, and CZM, as well as a few reps from the ACOE. The consensus among the State officials was that filing the Lighthouse Beach project as an amendment to the existing comprehensive permit was not favorable; the permit applications should be submitted for a new project and then possibly rolled into the Comprehensive permit once the individual permit has been granted. Jane reviewed the requirements for permitting a Federal Navigation Channel. Due to the proximity of the harbor entrance channel to Lighthouse Beach, a 408 (ACOE) review of the channel will be required regardless of the scale of the project.
- e) Dudley stated that it seemed like the scale of the project was determined by how much sand would be placed on Fuller Street Beach, and not how much sand should be removed from the spit to maintain the depth of the channel. Ed suggested that scaling back the size of the project (amount of sand to be dredged) might allow for a smoother permitting process.
- f) Juliet and Jane have a conference call with Christine Player next week to discuss how the scope of the engineering contract changes with a new project permit application instead of an amendment to the comp. permit. They will ask about any benefit to scaling the project back.
- g) Ryan asked the Committee whether consideration has been given to a more permanent solution, such as a jetty. The Committee has discussed this and there is

currently a feasibility study being done (by a private abutter to FSB) to determine whether a terminal groin or jetty would be an effective option.

- h) Ed and Juliet were not able to report on the Shellfish Committee meeting because it was cancelled. They will attend the next meeting, on the 5th, to solicit feedback on the Master Plan update.
- i) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- j) Ed provided a quote from Clover Landscaping to purchase and install beach grass on Fuller St. Beach. Jane stated that for this effort to be effective, the grass needs to be planted asap, before the storms come.
- k) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to hire Clover to plant the beach grass. Ryan seconds. Discussion: Juliet stated that because the quote is over \$10,000, the planting of the beach grass is a procurement, and additional quotes need to be solicited before a decision can be made on who to hire. The motion was modified to, 'hire the low bidder to plant the beach grass'. Ryan seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously. Juliet will talk to Tara about other contractors who can be asked to provide a quote.
- l) The Committee discussed the installation of beach fencing to support the beach grass. If the Committee purchases the fence material, the crew can install it with the loader.
- m) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to solicit quotes for fence material and determine whether this is financially feasible. Rick seconds, no discussion, approved unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm. Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare