



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 31ST, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, January 31ST, 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

Guests: Emily Reddington (GPF)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 1/24/19 meeting minutes; Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken, approved unanimously.
- b) Ms. Reddington shared comments from the Great Pond Foundation on the updated Dredge Master plan and clarified some incorrect information. Ms. Reddington and Jane discussed the permit for the Great Pond: there is more leniency on the time of year restrictions in the pond and the dredge is able to pump until April 1.
- c) In addition to comments on the master plan, Ms. Reddington proposed a new dredging site/"pilot project" in Slough Cove for the Committee to consider. The GPF would be interested in adding this site to the comprehensive permit and is able to contribute, both financially and in the collection of data, to making that happen. Ms. Reddington discussed the costs with the Committee; Ed will reach out and put Ms. Reddington in touch with people who can offer quotes for engineering services.
- d) Ms. Reddington handed out a diagram plotting pond heights and temperature changes during the course of the most recent opening. Dudley asked whether the GPD has an established policy for scheduling the openings. Ms. Reddington said no, but that a management plan would be beneficial. Discussion regarding the reinstatement of the Ponds Committee.
- e) Ms. Reddington read a letter sent by Steve Ewing that focused on the importance of protecting the entrance to the harbor with a long-term solution.
- f) Ed informed the Committee that the dredge is out of the water, the skiffs are still in until the pipe gets taken back to Chappy, which the boys will do as soon as it's warm enough. Maintenance for the dredge will include checking the pump, touch up painting and replacing the casings around the engine, which were damaged by the skiff.
- g) Juliet and Jane informed the Committee of what was discussed during their follow-up conference call with CLE after the meeting in Lakeville. CLE is going to put together a proposal outlining how much they anticipate it will cost to apply for a new permit, instead of amending the existing one. The Committee agreed that the Town should reach out to the ACOE to see what they have planned as far as maintaining the channel. The Lighthouse Beach project proposed by CLE should be put on hold and perhaps the scope modified so that it doesn't involve the destruction of a popular

North-facing beach. The Committee would like to get back to the original intention, which was to dredging the channel, not back-passing sand to Fuller St. Beach.

- h) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to reach out to the navigation specialist at the ACOE to discuss the Town dredging the channel. Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.
- i) Juliet reminded the Committee about the conflict of interest requirement.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm. Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare