



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Town Hall.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Rick Hamilton, Dudley Levick, Peter Vincent

**Guests:** Richard Cascarino, Kurt Freund

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) Mr. Cascarino, Captain of fishing charter Redhead Charters, was present to discuss an incident last fall that involved his boat and the dredge while it was in Tashmoo Channel. Mr. Cascarino told the Committee that he was instructed by the crew to wait until they could maneuver some equipment out of the way for him to pass safely through the channel, and when he was given the ok to pass, his propeller struck something that caused him to put the boat in neutral. He was then able to resume speed and return to the dock. He says he pulled his boat from the water shorter after and it was dry docked for repairs. It was not until March that he discovered his propellers were both damaged and needed \$930.00 worth of repairs. He explained to the Committee that he would like to be reimbursed for this expense as it was the dredge equipment that caused the damage. He spoke with the Tisbury Harbormaster about the incident and was directed to Edgartown to resolve it. Ed asked Mr. Cascarino if he had any evidence of the damage to propellers before they were fixed. Mr. Cascarino stated that the propellers were repaired by a computer before the extent of the damage could be determined. Ed told Mr. Cascarino that he would be willing to inquire with the insurance company but that it being seven months after the incident occurred, and with no documentation or evidence to provide, he didn't think there was any chance this would be a valid claim. Ed asked Mr. Cascarino if he had made a claim to his insurance company, he responded no. Juliet asked Mr. Cascarino to provide a letter from the Tisbury Harbormaster about the incident as it was reported last fall and she will submit that, and any other information provided, to the insurance company. Mr. Cascarino thanked the Committee and left.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 3/28/19 meeting minutes; Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken, approved unanimously.
- c) Ed informed the Committee that work has slowed down on off-season maintenance as the salary budget is low. The loader repairs have been completed, they totaled \$8,500.
- d) Juliet reported to the Committee about the dredge grant information session she attended in Boston the previous day. The State has earmarked \$4 million for shovel-ready dredging projects to be completed in FY20. Applications for this grant are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Juliet asked the grant coordinator how the Town of Edgartown would fit into this model as it is a reimbursement arrangement, requiring a contract to be signed with a dredge contractor and then paid invoices are submitted to the State for

reimbursement. Because the Town owns its own dredge, we would not contract with anyone for dredge services. The grant administrator was not able to answer the question but as Barnstable is in the same situation, they will figure out how to incorporate town-owned dredges into the grant opportunity. These dredge grants will be available annually for at least the next five years.

- e) The Committee discussed whether there were any shovel-ready projects that could be hastily put together before the application deadline in a week and a half. Ed asked Juliet to reach out to Paul Bagnall and Charlie Blair to see if they had any suggestions. If so, the Committee will meet again next week to discuss in more detail.
- f) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- g) The Committee briefly discussed the status of the Katama Landing project: Foth is currently working on the DEP 401/91 combined permit application for the State.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare