



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

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

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at the Town Hall.

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Guests:** Tara Marden (WHG), Steve Smith & Bill Amaru (Orleans Dredge Committee)

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

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 4/18/19 meeting minutes; Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken, approved unanimously.
- b) Tara from Woods Hole Group informed the Committee that she submitted the MVP grant application paperwork for a Town-wide vulnerability assessment. The amount of the grant is \$120,000; the Town's share would be \$18,000k or a match of in-kind services. The next grant WHG will submit for is for a Town beach management plan.
- c) Tara and the Committee went on to discuss the proposal submitted by WHG for engineering needed to obtain permits for dredging around Lighthouse Beach. The other plan the Town was presented with (put together by Foth/CLE) involved the removal of a large amount of sand from the area around the Lighthouse; the plan submitted by WHG is more focused on solving the immediate problem of shoaling in the channel and then looking at long term solutions for keeping sand on Fuller Street Beach. Tara is already working with a private property owner regarding options for protecting the beach. Ed stated that working with WHG and their existing client on this project would integrate the research on the feasibility of a terminal groin with the beach nourishment and channel dredging research, and would allow the Dredge Committee to submit one application to the State that shows both immediate and long-term needs and goals.
- d) The Committee went on to discuss the specifics of the WHG proposal, what was included and what still needs to be done and areas where the Dredge crew can provide assistance to WHG to alleviate some of the costs.
- e) The Committee discussed with Tara how the collection of data now could also be used for future grant opportunities.
- f) Tara informed the Committee that Cow Bay would be interested in purchasing sand next year, and to please include that in the discussions about where dredging will happen next season.
- g) Mr. Steve Smith and Bill Amaru, representatives from the Orleans Dredge Committee, were present to observe the meeting and discuss the issues they

are facing on the Cape including the declining shellfish industry and other risks associated with not dredging the Nauset inlet.

- h) The Committee discussed time of year restrictions with Mr. Smith and Mr. Amaru.
- i) Juliet informed the Committee that she spoke with Kara Shemeth and she will be performing post-dredge surveys in the Great Pond as well as Eel Pond. She will send bill for the Great Pond to Paul.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- k) Ed informed the Committee that the crew firmed up Collins Beach and folks are no longer complaining.
- l) The Committee discussed the Lighthouse Beach project and whether to move forward with the plan Foth/CLE put forth or go with WHG proposal. Ed stated that he is inclined to move forward with Tara and the WHG on the Lighthouse project; Rick followed up by saying that Tara seems to have a better understanding of what the Committee is asking for.
- m) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to accept the proposal from WHG for Lighthouse Beach and to cut ties with Foth/CLE. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken; passed unanimously.
- n) Juliet will reach out to Tara for an updated proposal amount that includes the cost-savings that were discussed for the Town; once received, she will execute and WHG can get started immediately. There are funds remaining in the permit account that will cover the end of the year; funds voted at Town Meeting will become available on July 1.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare