



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

August 15th, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 at the Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the 8/1/19 draft minutes; Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken, approved 4-0.
- b) Jane informed the Committee that she hadn't gotten a clear answer from Liz Durkee regarding the permits for nourishing the North Bluff; she is under the impression that Oak Bluffs has received an Order of Conditions from DEP, but has not received approval from the Army Corps.
- c) The Committee asked Juliet to track down records of grain size samples and analysis for Sengecontacket and the Great Pond to send over to Liz and Foth/CLE to minimize additional sampling work.
- d) Juliet reported that Emily Reddington was under the impression that Jane was going to handle the request for over-sand access to the Great Pond; Jane disagrees.
- e) Ed stated that the likely course of action for the dredging season was to go into Senge; nourishment can start at Fuller Street Beach, move up to Bend in the Road and then surplus sand can be sold.
- f) Jane informed the Committee that Tisbury may also be interested in purchasing sand.
- g) The Committee discussed the possibility of the Great Pond Foundation applying for a grant, with the Pond as a shovel-ready project, to dredge next season. The State has allocated funding for the next five years to dredging projects that are permitted and ready to go. There are administrative difficulties with the Town applying for the grant because it's a reimbursement grant that requires Towns to contract for the needed dredging services. As Edgartown owns its own dredge, it would not invoice itself for services so the process for reimbursement would be complicated and has not been worked out by State officials as of yet. If the GPF were to apply for and receive a grant, they could contract with the Town of Edgartown to perform the work
- h) The Committee briefly discussed the grant awarded to Cuttyhunk for the dredging of the channel into their harbor.
- i) Peter asked about the feasibility of a jetty at the lighthouse. Ed stated that it was being considered as part of the Lighthouse Beach feasibility study that the Woods Hole Group is currently working on. The Committee asked Juliet to get an update on that work.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare