



Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

September 26th, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Dredge Committee was called to order at 4:00pm on Thursday, September 26th, 2019 at the Town Hall.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

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

Advisors: Jane Varkonda

Guests: Emily Reddington (GPF)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 8/29/19 draft minutes; Rick seconds, no discussion, vote taken, approved 5-0.
- b) The Committee discussed the approval of the Katama Landing project by the Conservation Commission. The next step of the project is to get the Ch. 91 license and ACOE approval.
- c) Ms. Reddington addressed the Committee regarding dredging plans for the Great Pond. She feels there needs to be more communication so that everyone is able to plan for the season ahead. She has not reached out to abutters regarding permission to drive over the beach because she thought, based on the previous meeting she attended, that Jane was going to do that. She said she has spoken with a few abutters already and those in the area of Crackatuxet Cove were excited about potential dredging in the Sluiceway. She asked the Committee what their plan was for this season. Ed stated that the plan is to go to Sengecontacket, pending notification by OB that they have permits in hand to nourish the North Bluff.
- d) The Committee discussed the possibility of the GPF applying for a dredging grant from the State for the Great Pond to be dredged next season; Juliet and Emily will discuss in the coming weeks.
- e) Dudley asked Ms. Reddington why she felt that it was so important to dredge the Great Pond. Ms. Reddington stated that the improvement of the health of the pond over the past 10 years (since dredging began) has been well documented and stopping now would be a risk factor for the pond. She said algal blooms this year indicate a possible negative health trend and dredging would help to mitigate this. Further discussion of the different species in the Pond and debate over the length of pond openings.
- f) The crew will schedule the dredge to be launched sometime in the next three weeks.
- g) The Committee asked Juliet about County approval to dewater on State Beach. Juliet said she left a voicemail with the County Manager but has not heard back yet.

- h) Ms. Reddington asked the Committee to provide specifics about what equipment would be needed to dredge the Great Pond, and where it would be. Juliet will put together an informational letter to send to her that she can send on to the abutters.
- i) The Committee discussed the contract to sell sand to Oak Bluffs; Juliet will reach out to Mr. Whritenour. The Committee discussed the contract price for the sale of sand.
- j) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to offer sand to OB at \$18/CY; OB will have to dewater and truck the sand to its final nourishment location. Rick seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- k) It was decided that if OB is ready when the dredge goes into Senge, the Committee will first sell sand and then truck to Fuller St. Beach. If OB is not ready, FSB will get sand first.
- l) Jane asked if there was an opportunity to store sand; Ed said he will check with the Highway Dept.
- m) Juliet presented stamped post-dredge surveys for Eel Pond and the Great Pond; she will send them to DEP, Ch. 91, WQ and ACOE.
- n) Juliet asked the Committee to review the CPC application for Bend in the Road. Minor modifications were suggested and made and the Committee endorsed the submission of the application.
- o) The Committee reviewed the insurance policy and quote from MMA for the dredge and pollution liability.
- p) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the dredge and pollution insurance policies as presented; Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken and approved 5-0.
- q) Ed informed the Committee that the dredge equipment is in good shape and will require minimal work to prepare for the season.
- r) The Committee requested that Juliet reach out to the ACOE regarding the Lighthouse Beach permit delay.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare