



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

MAY 24, 2018

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee at 4:00pm** on Thursday, **May 24, 2018 at the Town Hall.**

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Ed Handy, Peter Vincent, Dudley Levick, Ryan Smith

**Advisors:** Paul Bagnall, Jane Varkonda

**Crew:** Donny Benefit

**Guests:** Suzanna Nickerson

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

- a) Ms. Nickerson presented the Committee with concerns about the trash and Styrofoam at South Beach; she thinks it's likely that the floats at Katama Landing, which she says are in disrepair, are contributing to the Styrofoam issue. Her concerns are that the wildlife in the area will confuse the trash with food and die. She asked the Committee about possible alternatives to the Styrofoam floats, or the option of a hard plastic or aluminum cover to contain the Styrofoam. Peter explained that aluminum deteriorates quickly in saltwater. Ms. Nickerson asked about price differences for sturdier material and told Committee that she would continue researching alternatives. Ed suggested the use of 55 gallon drums but also said this was the Harbormaster's property and should be brought up with them. The Committee informed Ms. Nickerson about the Katama Landing improvement project and that they would make every effort to use a material for the new floats other than Styrofoam.
- b) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 4/5/18 minutes. Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.
- c) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the 4/26/18 minutes. Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed 3-0, Ryan abstains.
- d) The Committee reviewed the letter of interest to be appointed to the Dredge Committee, submitted by Mr. Hamilton; there were no objections and the Committee asked Juliet to inform the Selectmen.
- e) The Committee reviewed the comments and cost estimate offered by the State for the Katama Landing plans. The Committee asked Juliet to reach out to Mr. Pena about the sheathing for the spiles, and how the spiles would be replaced when they rot.
- f) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the plans for the new Katama Landing. Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously. Approval is contingent on the information regarding the spiles. The Committee also noted that Mr. Pena should be asked about alternatives to Styrofoam for the floats.
- g) Peter asked about project supervision for Katama. Ed said that Mr. Cameron, from the Dept. of Fish and Game, will handle project oversight, as it's the State's ramp so they will be the project owner; Mr. Cameron will also handle the bidding process.

- h) The Committee asked Jane about permit renewals. She said she hasn't heard anything negative, so that's a good sign.
- i) k) The Committee reviewed the budget.
- j) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- k) Ed informed the Committee that the black boat needs a steel replacement at the bow. He will wait until early July to have someone come fix it.
- l) Ed also informed the Committee than an unsettling series of rumors led to false accusations of one of the crew members; the accusation was about the use of the Department's loader on private property. Ed said that the Town Administrator was able to determine very quickly that there was no truth to this rumor, but he takes issue with the fact that this information was presented to HR, the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator before it was brought to the Chairman of the Committee. Ed stated that he felt the falsely accused individual is owed a public apology from the accuser. This issue should have been presented to the Department and investigated before it was brought to HR and the Selectmen.
- m) Jane informed the Committee that she put in for two grants: MVP and CZM. The MVP grant fast tracks the Town for future grant opportunities and the CZM grant will allow for the purchase of sand to nourish Fuller St. Beach, should it be necessary.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare