



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JUNE 21, 2018

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

Dudley called to order the meeting of the Dredge Committee at 4:10pm on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Town Hall.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Peter Vincent, Dudley Levick, Ryan Smith, Rick Hamilton

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda

**Crew:** Donny Benefit

**Guests:** Jay Grande (Tisbury TA), John Crocker (Tisbury HM), Adam Turner (MVC)

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

- a) Tisbury Town Administrator, Jay Grande, and Harbormaster, John Crocker, were present to discuss the dredging at Tashmoo. They acknowledged that the agreement is just about complete, however the numbers need to be updated. Mr. Crocker brought out a pre-dredge survey that showed the most problematic areas. He said the TOY restriction stops at the end of June, and dredging in July is possible but the birds will have to be considered. According to the bird monitor, there is a pair of plovers in the area near the disposal site for the sand. If the project moves forward, Tisbury will mark out the areas of concern. The channel needs about 3,700 CY of sand removed, but 1,800 now would make a huge difference. The distance from the dredge to the dump site is about 800-1,000ft, indicating how much pipe would need to be mobilized. If Tisbury is able to operate the loader needed for the disposal site, the available members of the Edgartown dredge crew can do the rest. It would take 3-7 days, depending on weather and other factors. Donny informed the Tisbury personnel that he will need permission from property owners to set anchors on land. The Committee discussed the other logistics relative to mobilization, including Donny's schedule and availability during July.
- b) The Committee discussed the project in its entirety, and what will need to be revisited in the fall.
- c) The Committee informed Tisbury that Edgartown would not be able to front the costs for the work from its own operating budget, because reimbursements would be returned to the General Fund. The dredge administrator will continue to work with both Town Accountants to explore possible options for the financing.
- d) Mr. Crocker and Mr. Grande thanked the dredge committee for their continued efforts in getting Tashmoo dredged and then left the meeting.
- e) Mr. Adam Turner, Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, informed the Committee that the updated Dredge Master Plan is almost complete, it just needs an introduction and few blanks filled in. Juliet will provide him with the specifics of the pricing for the new dredge, as well as the re-sale cost of the old one. Mr. Turner suggested that the Dredge Committee put together a set of policies for performing dredging in other Towns.

- f) The Committee briefly discussed the dredging in the narrows and whether that affected the shellfish in the area.
- g) The Committee reviewed the budget.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to initiate a Ch. 77 end-of-year transfer request in the amount of \$5,000, from salaries to expense, to cover the remaining invoices for FY18. Dudley seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.
- j) The Committee discussed worker's comp for the dredge crew, if they are working in Tisbury. Juliet will reach out to the insurance company for clarification.
- k) The Committee discussed an appropriate daily hire rate for the dredge to be used in Tisbury.
- l) The Committee discussed the dangers of leaving the dredge in the water during hurricane season. Donny feels it would be safe if stored in Caleb's.
- m) The Committee discussed the details of the daily rate and the mobilization/demobilization fee. Peter commented that he would like to see the dredge towed to Tisbury by a barge, as it would be much safer. The other Committee members agreed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare