



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 19, 2017

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on Thursday **January 19, 2017** at the **Town Hall**.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Dudley Levick, Leslie Baynes, Ed Handy, Peter Vincent.

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda.

**Crew:** Greg Bettencourt.

**Guests:** Pam Dolby, Emily Reddington.

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

- a) Pam addressed the Committee regarding two pieces of business: 1. All crew members operating machinery will need to have valid copies of the appropriate license on file with Elaine; 2. The Personnel Board is implementing a random drug testing policy next season for employees operating any Town equipment.
- b) The Committee and Pam discussed the options for the purchase of a new dredge; Pam suggested a lease to own option and Ed said he would look into it and present his findings to the FinCom at the next budget meeting.
- c) Motion placed on the floor by Les to approve the minutes from 1/12/17. Dudley seconds, vote taken and passed.
- d) Greg informed the Committee that the crew is done dredging. Jane inquired about the allotted extension days and Ed said they will not be needed and should be returned.
- e) Ed informed the Committee that Mr. Malone will most likely be submitting a bid for the purchase of dredge spoils. Cow Bay Association is not sure if they will at this point. The Committee weighed the option of selling sand with the benefit of keeping it for emergency/future use.
- f) The Committee discussed possible locations to store sand; it was decided that the Selectmen should be consulted but the Committee will wait to do so until the bids have come in.
- g) Juliet informed the Committee that Stuart suggested the hiring of an 18 wheel dump truck to get sand to BITR; Ed stated that a truck of that size cannot access the beach, so the sand would have to be dumped in the parking lot and moved by another piece of equipment to the beach; this would be quite inefficient.
- h) The Committee reviewed the budget.
- i) The Committee discussed how to utilize the CPC money for Fuller St. Beach. They asked Juliet to reach out to Town Counsel regarding the possibility of using the

money to hire the services of the crew members to spread the sand on Fuller St. Beach.

- j) The Committee reviewed the Purchase Description for the sale of sand.
- k) Jane updated the Committee on the current situation with the permit amendment: NMF still wants 100ft buffer for eel grass at Fuller St. but Tara is working on reducing this. Jane will draft a letter stating that if this project cannot proceed, the beach will be lost forever.
- l) Juliet informed the Committee that Christine Player (CLE) and team will be conducting the hydrographic and topographic surveys next week.
- m) Ed suggested the Committee reach out to the Marine Advisory Board and the Shellfish Dept. for input on major dredging projects for the next few years.
- n) The Committee decided to attend the next FinCom budget meeting in order to defend the ATM article for a new dredge.
- o) Juliet will email Doug Cameron to ask about available State funding, after the completion of the Engineering, for the Katama boat ramp.
- p) The Committee discussed alternatives to using Baxter Crane for the mobilization and demobilization of the dredge.
- q) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- r) Dudley addressed his concerns about the management of Edgartown Great Pond with the Committee and with Ms. Reddington. Discussion about the schedule for when the pond should be opened, as well as the methods of gathering data. Dudley would like to see more active involvement by the relevant departments and boards on this matter.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting, Les seconds the motion. No discussion, vote taken, passed unanimously.

**Ed** adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare