



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on Thursday **February 23, 2017** at the **Town Hall**.

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Advisors:** Paul Bagnall.

**Crew:** Greg Bettencourt.

**Guests:** Emily Reddington (GPF)

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

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the minutes from 2/2/17. Les seconds, vote taken and passed.
- b) Ed informed the Committee that input from the Harbormaster and Shellfish Depts on dredging projects for next season is forthcoming.
- c) The Committee reviewed the remainder of the budget for FY17. The next meeting will be devoted to an exhaustive review of the budget from previous years and modifications moving forward.
- d) The Committee discussed the cost to the Town if the work performed each year by the Dredge Crew needed to be put to bid instead of being done in-house. Dredging work that was bid in nearby municipalities, ie. Oak Bluffs, Chilmark and Barnstable, was compared with work done in Edgartown. The Committee determined that the Dredge program saves the tax payers up to \$1 million annually by owning the Town dredge and having an experienced crew perform the work.
- e) Peter suggested that pictures of the new dredge be included on the flier that will be distributed at ATM 2017.
- f) The Committee discussed the repercussions of allowing Fuller St Beach to erode to the private property line, and whether the Town could ever reclaim ownership of the beach if that were to happen.
- g) MVI requested a spec sheet for the new dredge to determine insurance adjustments. Ed will provide one.
- h) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- i) The Committee discussed the demobilization of the dredge. Baxter will be here on Monday to pull the dredge from the water.
- j) Ed asked the Committee and Paul who is responsible for Eel Grass monitoring. The ACOE has requested this be done at FSB but did not specify who or how they would be paid. Paul stated this has been done in the past but there is no one who does it regularly. CLE will be performing an Eel Grass survey for the Lighthouse Beach permitting work that will serve as an updated survey for the area.

- k) The Committee discussed the time of year restriction given by the ACOE for Herring in Sengecontacket. Paul was adamant that these restrictions should be based on specific species and not generalized or agreed to frivolously; it is time for the State and Fed to revisit and update these restrictions. Sending letters to State Representatives could be effective in engaging the necessary officials in this discussion.
- l) The Committee decided to draft a letter to send to DMF, NMF and all State Reps, signed by all relevant Town Boards, Departments and Officials, stating the current TOY restrictions for multiple species and areas are outdated and restrictions need to be updated.
- m) The Committee will ask the Selectmen to designate an area at the Town Barn to store sand in the future.

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

**Ed** adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare