



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

MARCH 2, 2017

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee at 4:10pm** on Thursday **March 2, 2017 at the Town Hall.**

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

The following persons were present:

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

**Crew:** Greg Bettencourt.

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall.

**Guests:** Emily Reddington (GPF)

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

- a) The Committee reviewed the budget information made available from the previous few years. There is limited information as the accounting department is only required to keep three years of records.
- b) Jane informed the Committee that she has been speaking with Kevin Kotelly and the ACOE is saying there are Eel Grass beds at Fuller St. Dudley argued against this position, saying he went to the beach to determine this and found no Eel Grass beds; it must be something else green and the Committee should provide this feedback to the Corps. Eel Grass monitoring was discussed. Jane suggested a comparison of aerial photographs from past years.
- c) The Committee asked Juliet to reach out to CLE and see about performing the Eel Grass study earlier than July so we can get our permit amendment approved before next dredge season starts. The Committee also asked for a definition of "Eel grass bed" as this distinction is crucial in determining if they exist at Fuller St.
- d) Ed asked the Committee if everyone was on board with Jane informing the Corps that the Dredge Committee disagrees with their Eel Grass assessment and furthermore that we want the Eel Grass, just not at the expense of our beach; we are happy to plant more or do whatever satisfies the Corps, as long as we can continue to nourish and protect our Town Beach. The Committee agreed.
- e) Dudley presented a letter that he submitted to the Selectmen regarding the Edgartown Great Pond and the monitoring that is needed to ensure the health of the pond. The Committee reviewed the letter and offered some feedback.
- f) The Committee discussed how best to take advantage of the sand that gets dredged from the Great Pond each year and what sort of easements or permits would be required for someone to purchase it.
- g) The Committee reviewed the spec sheet for the new dredge presented by Ed.
- h) Ed made a request to the administrator that from now on, an exhaustive review of the dredge budget be documented in a spreadsheet that tracks expenses and revenue (and assistance from other departments) from the dredge department each fiscal year.

- i) The Committee discussed the year-end maintenance of the dredge with Greg. Ed asked him to put together a work list for the next meeting for each piece of equipment: the three boats, the truck, the loader and the dredge.
- j) Motion placed on the floor by Les to approve the minutes from 2/23/17. Ed seconds, vote taken and passed.
- k) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.

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

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

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare