



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JULY 27, 2017

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee at 4:10pm** on Thursday, **July 27, 2017 at the Town Hall.**

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Dudley Levick, Ed Handy, Howell Kelly, Peter Vincent

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda, Paul Bagnall

**Guests:** Jessica Wey (MVC)

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

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to approve the meeting minutes from 7/6/17; Peter seconds, no discussion, vote taken and passed.
- b) Jessica distributed maps she created that show the locations and amounts of sand dredged and used for nourishment since 2010. The maps are not yet complete and the Committee discussed other information that should be included, such as shellfish growth in the areas dredged and written descriptions of those areas. Jess informed the Committee that Adam Turner would like to join the next meeting to further discuss the maps presented.
- c) Juliet informed the Committee that Ellicot gave a hard deadline of August 15 for the possible brokering of the dredge to Sandpiper Mining. Juliet informed Mr. Stanley of this deadline but did not receive a response.
- d) Ed informed the Committee that he received a design from Steve Miller (Ellicot) for the push bar on the dredge. He suggested a larger surface area and Steve said no problem.
- e) Ed will be heading down to Maryland to check on the production of the dredge.
- f) Last year's crew was not present so this discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.
- g) Jane will draft letters the residents of Cape Pogue informing them that sand may be available for purchase and reminding them of the procedures that enable them to receive beach nourishment.
- h) Ed will need volunteers from the Committee or Crew to go out in the skiff and survey depths for data collection (Eel Pond, Katama Channel and Cape Pogue).
- i) Jane said to go ahead and get a post dredge survey done so everything is all set for next season.
- j) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to call Doug Hoen and SBH to conduct post-dredge survey for Eel Pond and Katama. Howell seconds, vote taken and passed unanimously. Paul B informed the Committee that he had already contacted Doug about a survey in the Great Pond.
- k) Juliet informed the Committee that the Tisbury Harbormaster had reached out to ask about the possibility of dredging the entrance to Tashmoo this winter. Tisbury is

subject to the same Time of Year (TOY) restrictions as Edgartown, so there is very limited time available to get this done. The Committee discussed and decided that it was not an option to send the new dredge to Tisbury this winter; Howell suggested the possible use of Nessie, the Great Pond Foundation's dredge, and Ed said he would convey this suggestion to Mr. Crocker (Harbormaster in Tisbury).

- l) The Committee discussed the required physical exam the crew must undergo in order to be eligible to take the hoisting license exam. The physician will be on island on August 19, Juliet will schedule appointments and the crew members will pay for their own physicals and if they pass, the Committee will reimburse them.
- m) Ed informed the Committee that Mr. Pena (CLE) expressed a concern about there not being enough water at the Katama Landing to launch the Dredge. Ed explained to him that the Town would like plans drawn that allow the dredge to be launched, this was a large part of the need for the engineering. If the ramp needs to be in deeper water, the dredge can be used for this purpose.
- n) The Committee discussed the trailer size that would be needed to transport and launch the dredge.
- o) Juliet reminded the Committee that CLE will be attending the meeting on 8/17/17 for an update to the Lighthouse Beach engineering.
- p) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- q) Paul informed the Committee that he will be attending a Dredge Listening Session in Plymouth on Wed. 8/1/17 to voice his concerns about the current TOY restrictions. Edgartown has both a comprehensive permit and its own dredge, these items are a huge investment towards maintaining the Town's waterways and marine habitats, the State should offer some leniency in their regulations so that the Town can capitalize on its investment and not be cut short by irrelevant restrictions. Paul's suggestion is that Town's with comprehensive permits should be allowed to conduct small scale dredging projects (under 10k cubic yards) until April 1 of each year, instead of the imposed Jan. 15 deadline. Paul asked Juliet to draft a letter from the Selectmen expressing these concerns so that he can read it to the State officials present at the discussion in Plymouth.

Peter 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