

Edgartown Dredge Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2016

I. Call to order

Dudley called to order the meeting of the Dredge Committee at 4:10pm on April 7, 2016 at the Town Hall.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Members: Dudley, Peter, Les, Ed.

Advisors: Jane, Paul, Steve Ewing.

Crew: Greg.

Guests: Les Smith, Woody Filley, Jim Glavin.

Open issues:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the meeting minutes from 3/24/16. Ed seconds, vote taken and passed.
- b) The committee approved the Budget report from Accounting.
- c) The committee heard from Les Smith, Environmental Consultant and Coastal Engineer, about the feasibility of getting a permit for a terminal groin off Lighthouse Beach. Les informed the committee that a full set of permits would be required to undertake this project, and while the process would be lengthy, it is not unrealistic. As for the groin itself, the length and height will depend on the rate of sediment transfer and the desired lifetime of the groin, as pressure over time is the major concern.
- d) Paul informed Les and the committee that the spit of sand is growing too actively for shellfish to settle there, although there is Eel grass and the potential for shellfish to spawn there again.
- e) Steve Ewing mentioned that it would be wise to make sure that attaining the permits is possible before the Town invests too many resources in an effort to do so.
- f) Les spoke further about the permitting process and said that persistence will be necessary, but if the project meets the proper standards, a permit will be granted.
- g) The committee discussed options for funding (federal grants, private donations) as well as the need to reach out to local legislators for support.
- h) Paul reminded the committee that we are one of only three Towns in the State with a comprehensive permit and that amending this permit would be much less complicated than applying for a new one; he also recommended some basic, preliminary studies as supporting evidence of the benefit of this project.
- i) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to request estimates for dredging the spit, the terminal groin permitting/construction process and other beach nourishment efforts. Dudley seconds, vote taken and passed.

- j) Les Smith agreed to provide quotes of this nature to the committee before their next meeting.
- k) Jane suggested the committee ask the MVC to help draft a BMP (Beach Management Plan). She noted that we have a Harbor Management Plan in place already and the need for a terminal groin could be incorporated into the existing HMP.
- l) The committee reviewed the Dredge work list prepared by Greg and discussed the remaining tasks to accomplish in FY16.
- m) The committee reviewed the active Dredge accounts.
- n) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to apply the remaining balance of the Gift Account to the purchase of the new boat motor. Ed seconds, vote taken and passed.

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

Dudley adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare