

Edgartown Dredge Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2016

I. Call to order

Howell called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on **May 18, 2016** at **the Town Hall**.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present:

Members: Howell, Dudley, Peter, Les, Ed.

Advisors: Jane

Guests: John Ramsey

Open issues:

- a) John Ramsey, Coastal Engineer from Mashpee, spoke with the committee about the implementation of terminal groins and the considerations associated with such a large scale project. He noted that the permitting process in MA is quite difficult and that the major considerations for such a project include how the surrounding areas will be affected over time. He informed the committee that 3-5 months were needed to calibrate the movement of sand in a particular area, and that historic trends would be utilized to determine how sand movement, as well as the landscape of the surrounding areas, would be impacted by a jetty or groin.
- b) The committee discussed the history of Fuller St. Beach and the Starbuck Neck area with Mr. Ramsey, highlighting that Fuller St. Beach has lost around 200 feet of beach since the middle of the 20th century.
- c) The committee discussed the Lighthouse Beach RFP and whether the comparative criteria were too stringent. It was determined that a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was a better method for obtaining the services desired.
- d) The committee discussed the situation in Chilmark and Aquinnah, and the equipment and materials left behind by J Way. The committee will reach out to the Town of Chilmark to gather more information and explore the possibility of acquiring some of the materials.
- e) Jane reported to the committee that Tara is ready to submit the CZM grants. The committee would like to submit two grants: one for the nourishment of Fuller St. Beach and one for dredging the spit of sand at the lighthouse.
- f) The committee decided to reach out to the Martha's Vineyard Commission to request an updated Dredge Management Plan that outlines the reasons why it is advantageous for the Town to have its own dredge.

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

Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare