

# Edgartown Dredge Committee

## Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2016

### I. Call to order

Howell called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee at 4:10pm on June 16, 2016 at the Town Hall.**

### II. Roll call

The following persons were present: **Members:** Howell, Dudley, Peter, Ed, Les. **Advisors:** Jane. **Staff:** Greg. **Guests:** Jo-Ann Taylor, MVC.

### **Open issues:**

- a) Jo-Ann Taylor, from the Martha's Vineyard Commission, joined the committee to discuss updating the Dredge Master Plan. Jo-Ann told the committee about her involvement in the creation of the plan back in 1996; that she had recommended the dredge and the sand measurements were done by Bob Fultz (who is still active as a consultant). She said projections for the future would be a part of updating the plan, especially now that there is a body of data from the past 20 years to work with. In addition, the economic aspects of the current plan will need to be updated.
- b) The committee asked Jo-Ann to request that the Commission take a more active role in determining the dredging needs for Edgartown Harbor, and the island at large. Howell specifically mentioned the need for some perspective from the MVC regarding the importance of preserving wildlife habitats, navigational channels and beach nourishment efforts; and how that need should be clearly stated in the updated Master Plan.
- c) The committee inquired as to what periodic programs the MVC utilizes to determine island-wide needs for dredging. Jo-Ann said no such program is currently in place.
- d) The committee voiced its concerns about the diminishing access to the only entrance to Edgartown Harbor and requested the MVC do an investigation to determine how best to proactively address this.
- e) Les mentioned that the Town of Edgartown contributes substantially to the MVC and that an effort on their part to help manage the dredge operations would be a good way to show voters the value of having the Martha's Vineyard Commission.
- f) Jo-Ann told the committee she would speak with Adam, the new Director, as he has a marine background.
- g) Peter mentioned that the committee will most likely be requesting the funds to purchase a new dredge sometime in the next few years, and an updated Dredge Plan that shows the advantages of a Town-owned Dredge would be helpful throughout that process.
- h) Jane recommended that the committee follow up the meeting with Jo-Ann by drafting a letter to Adam clearly stating the intentions and requests of the

committee so that nothing is overlooked. Juliet will draft a letter and distribute to the committee for review.

- i) The committee discussed the situation in Menemsha: the ACOE and surety company are supposedly meeting next week.
- j) The committee discussed whether, logistically, it could handle the maintenance and mobilization of a bigger dredge.
- k) The invoices were presented for approval.

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

**Howell** adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.  
Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare