

Edgartown Dredge Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2016

I. Call to order

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

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: **Members:** Howell, Peter, Dudley, Les, Ed.
Advisors: Jane, Paul.

Open issues:

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve meeting minutes from 8/4/16 with a minor grammatical correction in section (c), Dudley seconds, vote taken and passed.
- b) The Committee reviewed the Dredge Crew applications submitted thus far and the job requirements provided to the applicants. The Committee decided to remove "Captain's License" as one of the applicant requirements.
- c) Howell informed the Committee that the ACOE rejected the Town's proposal to dredge Menemsha Channel due to budgetary restrictions that require them to complete the project in one year, as opposed to the Town proposed two years. The Committee discussed the qualifications of the contractor presently negotiating with the ACOE on the project. The Committee will continue to remain abreast of the situation as Mr. Pena informed Howell that the Town's bid was lower than the one currently being negotiated.
- d) The Committee discussed the possibility of an annual contract with the Town of Oak Bluffs to maintain the Little Bridge and Sengecontacket. Oak Bluffs would like to cooperate on this and would also be willing to help in efforts to extend the Comprehensive Permit, which expires in 2020.
- e) The Committee discussed the reasons why the Little Bridge is so prone to filling in, and a general discussion of sand movement around the bridge and in Senge.
- f) The Committee discussed how the Menemsha job might impact the Edgartown Dredge Crew. Paul said it's most likely that the contractor hired to do the work will provide their own crew.
- g) The Committee discussed the dredging plan for the 2016-2017 season. Since the time of year restrictions are earlier in Eel Pond, the dredge will start there and pump sand to Fuller St. After the annual allotted 10,000 cubic yards has been placed on Fuller St., the dredge will move over to the Katama boat ramp and finish out the season there. Sand will need to be trucked from Katama to Fuller St. but the CPC money awarded at ATM 2016 can be applied to this cost.
- h) The Committee discussed the possibility of putting in a new ramp at the Katama Landing. It would require a couple years for the engineering and permitting but would inevitably be a huge advantage to the Town, if a ramp was constructed that would allow the dredge and other bigger equipment to use the ramp. Funds from DCR might be available to accomplish this.
- i) The Committee revisited the Lighthouse Beach project and the need to get the Engineering done. Juliet will bring an updated RFP to the next meeting for the Committee to review.

- j) Invoices were presented for approval.
- k) General discussion about sources of good sand around Edgartown, namely the Great Pond.
- l) Peter suggested the Committee devote a meeting this fall to long-term planning of future dredging needs.
- m) The Committee requested that Juliet send a follow up letter to the MVC to determine the status of their request to work on updating the Master Dredge Plan.

Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare