

Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

I. Call to order:

Howell called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on **September 1, 2016** at the **Town Hall**.

II. Roll call:

The following persons were present: **Members:** Howell, Peter, Dudley, Les, Ed.
Crew: Greg, Donny. **Guests:** Adam Turner, MVC

III. Open issues:

- a) Adam Turner, Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, introduced himself to the Committee and opened discussion about updating the Dredge Master Plan.
- b) Howell informed Adam that the Committee would like to have the MVC update the Master Plan, incorporating the relevant engineering work performed in order to obtain and amend the comprehensive permit, as well as the data collected from dredging different locations since the plan was last updated. Additionally, the Committee would like to add the other five Towns to the Master Plan, and come up with an island-wide dredge program that considers the many bodies of water on Martha's Vineyard and the discrepancies in appropriately maintaining all of them.
- c) Adam commented that an annual plan for opening the ponds would maximize the benefit of doing so. The other Towns would provide their own plans for maintaining the ponds and waterways, to be incorporated into one large plan, which would be strategic and beneficial for future permitting efforts.
- d) Adam informed the Committee that he would put together a scope of work for this endeavor, gathering information from the other Towns, as well as utilizing information about the ponds already gathered by the Commission this year for a large scale clean-up project that is in the works. Adam tentatively agreed to return for the 9/29/16 meeting with this information.
- e) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve meeting minutes from 8/18/16, Dudley seconds, vote taken and passed.
- f) The Committee reviewed the Request for Qualifications for engineering services to permit the dredging of Lighthouse beach; minor corrections were made.
- g) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to advertise the RFQ with the discussed corrections. Ed seconds, vote taken and passed.
- h) Howell will call Oak Bluffs to discuss a joint effort for maintaining Sengecontacket.
- i) The Committee discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting, this fall, with the Shellfish Dept. and Marine Advisory Board to discuss future projects.
- j) Invoices were presented for approval.
- k) The Committee heard from Donny about multiple areas around Cape Pogue and the Harbor that are shoaling and would benefit from being dredged.
- l) The Committee discussed Katama boat ramp and the possibility of getting money from a State grant, as the ramp is owned by the State. Donny noted this would be a huge benefit for many Town/Island residents.

Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare