



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Howell called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on Thursday **September 29, 2016** at the **Town Hall**.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Howell Kelly, Peter Vincent, Ed Handy, Les Baynes, Dudley Levick.

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda.

**Crew:** Donny Benefit.

**Guests:** Adam Turner, MVC

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Peter to approve the meeting minutes from 9/15/16, Les seconds, vote taken and passed.
- b) Howell informed the Committee that J Way was re-hired for the Menemsha project.
- c) Juliet submitted the CPC application for funds to get engineering for the Katama Boat Ramp expansion.
- d) Donny informed the Committee that the holes in the white boat have been patched; the Dredge is being painted and is more than halfway done; the black boat should be ready to go by tomorrow. He recommended trying to find some additional dredge pipe.
- e) Adam Turner arrived at 4:25pm to discuss the next steps in updating the Master Dredge Plan. He informed the Committee that he had done a lot of research and spoke with the ACOE, DEP and CZM. He also reviewed the permit. He determined that much of the work to update the Dredge Plan could be done by the MVC; there will be some outside engineering work required for permitting but most of the data collection can be performed in conjunction with other projects the MVC is involved with.
- f) Peter informed the Committee that during yesterday's joint meeting between Dredge, Harbormaster, Shellfish and Marine Advisory, there was discussion about adding areas to the permit, including: North Wharf, the finger piers, outside Cape Pogue and outside Sengecontactet at the big bridge. The Marine Advisory Board was pleased with the work done by the Dredge Committee and Crew and will continue to rely on their expertise for future dredging concerns.
- g) Adam told the Committee that he had met with two ACOE representatives on the island earlier today and will look at grant opportunities from the State to support this effort.
- h) Adam provided a preliminary timeline for the update, with an end date of 2018, to ensure everything is in place at least two years before the Comprehensive Permit expiration. He ensured the Committee that he is committed to this project and is

ready to move forward putting together a formal scope and timeline. He emphasized his willingness to receive direction from the Committee.

- i) The Committee discussed how best to reach out to the ACOE to establish a relationship in an effort to familiarize the agency with the Town's long term goals and needs throughout the permitting process.
- j) Donny mentioned that a change in the time of year restrictions would be hugely beneficial to the Town's Dredge program. He noted that Barnstable and Falmouth have both received special permits that allow them to work longer into the season and avoid the time of year restrictions currently in place.
- k) Peter suggested that looking into the costs of other dredging projects could be beneficial in providing a context for the advantages of a town-owned dredge.

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

**Howell** adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare