

# Edgartown Dredge Committee

## Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2014

### **I. Call to order**

**Peter** called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee at 4:10pm on March 6, 2014 at the Town Hall.**

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Members: Dudley, Les, Peter and Gary. Advisor: Jane Administrator: Shelly Guest Donny Benefit, Mort Fearey and Bruce Farland *Due to Howell absence Peter Vincent will be chairman*

#### **Open issues:**

- a) Motion placed on the floor by Dudley to accept the meeting minutes from February 20, 2014 with minor corrections. Les seconds the motion. No discussion, vote taken, and passed unanimously.
- b) Bills were presented and signed by the Committee.
- c) Mort Fearey addressed the Committee with his concerns for the Eel pond channel. He presented photos showing the changes in the channel. He stated that many boaters that own moorings in the pond have issues leaving and entering the pond. Bruce Farland from Great Harbor Boat Yard who maintains moorings in this area agreed. He stated that it is a challenge to use this navigational channel. The Committee thanked both for their concerns and that the Committee will keep this in mind for next dredging season discussions.
- d) Donny Benefit gave the Committee an update on the Great Pond dredging. He presented the Committee with a Google Earth photo of the Great Pond and where they have dredged. He stated that the crew needs a little more time to dissipate the sand and restore the beach to the original profile. He also stated that he wanted to cut 1 crew man Gerald Murray and keep him on call for maintenance projects at this time. The Committee discussed giving the crew another week to restore the beach. Dudley placed a motion on the floor to allow the crew up to 7 days to complete the project at Great Pond. Les seconds the motion. There was no discussion and vote taken and passed unanimously. Donny then stated that there was about a 37ft mound of sand, maybe about 2,000 cubic yards of sand. He stated that the beach profile had changed and that the Euclid could make it down the beach. The Committee decided that they would meet at 9 am tomorrow. They felt being able to add the 2,000 cubic yards from Great Pond and mechanically dredge 1,000 cubic yards as voted on a previous meeting would benefit Fuller Street Beach. There was discussion to try to get on the agenda for The Selectmen's meeting on

Monday to get their approval on project, it was stated that it was too late to get on the agenda. The Committee would drive out to the beach tomorrow at 9am to see said pile of sand and profile of the beach before they make a discussion on running the truck down the beach to get the 2,000 cubic yards. Donny stated that the only problem with the Euclid, which was leased under recommendation of Donny and Selectman Mike Donaroma. is that it now has a flat tire that needs to be fixed. Donny asked the Committee to call the gentleman that the truck was leased from and ask him where to get the tire fixed. The Committee felt since Donny has been dealing with this gentleman that he should be the one to get in contact with him about the vehicle. Also Donny suggested maybe Allen from the Highway Department might be able to help with the tire. It was suggested to have someone ask Stuart Fuller if it was o.k. to acquire Allen's help.

### **New Business:**

- a.) Gary presented to the Committee a draft written by Charles Blair the Harbormaster about the dredge program for the Harbor Plan that the Marine Advisory Committee is working on. The Committee had minor corrections. Dudley places a motion on the floor to accept this draft with corrections. Les seconds the motion. There was no discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously.
- b.) Gary presented a letter to the Committee (see attached) written by a woman whom Gregory Bettencourt had rescued from the Great Pond. Gary would like the letter presented to the Selectmen and placed in his personnel file. The Committee agreed.
- c.) The committee felt with the site visit and the new developments that they should have a meeting on March 13, 2014 at 4:10.

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

**Peter** adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Shelly O'Neil

