



## Edgartown Dredge Committee Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 12, 2017

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

Ed called to order the meeting of the **Dredge Committee** at **4:10pm** on Thursday **January 12, 2017** at the **Town Hall**.

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

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Dudley Levick, Leslie Baynes, Ed Handy.

**Advisors:** Jane Varkonda.

**Crew:** Greg Bettencourt, Donnie Benefit.

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

- a) Ed updated the Committee on the status of the sand at Katama. BITR has been receiving sand, trucked from Katama by the Highway Dept. Due to the amount of sand available, the Committee discussed reasons and possible locations available to store some for future emergencies and/or additional nourishment at Fuller St Beach. There would still be approximately 4,000 cubic yards available to sell.
- b) Ed informed the Committee that he spoke with Cow Bay Association and they are interested in purchasing additional sand to top dress the work done earlier this season.
- c) The Committee weighed the benefits of selling sand and discussed what an appropriate price per cubic yard would be. Les stated that selling sand in any capacity would bring much needed revenue to the Town and would offset the cost of trucking it to various nourishment locations. Dudley noted that the sand is valuable and should not be sold unless an appropriate price is offered.
- d) Ed mentioned that if Cow Bay was able to utilize the Town's access to the beach, they would place more sand immediately.
- e) Jane informed the Committee that a TOY restriction extension would most likely be granted. She also reminded the Committee that anyone who purchases sand must be qualified (permitted) to do so and must also give some kind of an easement to the Town.
- f) Juliet informed the Committee that she posted the surplus sand on the Central Register and it will be public next week. She also informed the Committee that they are legally allowed to reject all bids and negotiate a price that is higher than the highest price offered, if necessary.
- g) Motion placed on the floor by Les to continue to pursue the opportunity to sell sand and to place an ad in the paper. Dudley seconds, vote taken and passed.
- h) Jane informed the Committee that BITR can still take more sand.

- i) Dredging update: Donnie will be finished dredging on Monday because there is no room left at the landing to dewater more sand. If the Highway Dept can continue to truck sand to an area it can be stored, Donnie can continue to pump.
- j) Greg informed the Committee that if more sand is placed on Fuller St. Beach, the loader will be needed to spread it. The Committee discussed the available CPC funds granted for nourishment at Fuller St and determined that money could be used to rent a loader.
- k) Les noted that, while the sand that goes to Fuller St often ends up being washed away, it is important to keep nourishing the beach to maintain the Town's ownership and public access. It's a short term solution while other long term options are considered.
- l) Juliet will reach out to Town counsel for contract documents regarding the sale of sand.
- m) Les informed the Committee that budget meetings have begun and it would be a good idea to get all the information regarding the purchase of a new dredge together, and be prepared to present that information to FinCom and the Selectmen. Additionally, the options for the trade-in of the current dredge should be outlined for the Selectmen. Ed will get a quote from Ellicot for the trade-in value of the dredge.
- n) Les offered the idea that it would be advantageous to create a pamphlet, for the voters at ATM, that offers all available information about the purchase of a new dredge.
- o) The Committee reviewed the invoices and authorized payment of the bills.
- p) The Committee reviewed the budget.
- q) Motion placed on the floor by Les to approve the minutes from 1/5/17 with the minor correction that Ed adjourned the previous meeting, not Howell. Ed seconds, Dudley abstains; vote taken and passed.

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

**Ed** adjourned the meeting at 4:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare