Meeting Date: December 6, 2021

Wellfleet Dredging Task Force Committee
Minutes of Meeting
December 6, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom conference call

DTF Present: Co-Chair Joe Aberdale, Co-Chair Chris Allgeier, Charles Annett, Kevin Coakley, Curt Felix, Alfred Pickard, Jr.

Others Present (DTF Committee Participants): Will Sullivan, Janet Reinhart.


2. Administrative.
   2.1. Roll call was taken to confirm attendees.
   2.2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting, November 8, 2021.
      2.2.1. A brief time was allocated for people to review the Meeting Minutes from the 11/08/21 DTF meeting.
      2.2.2. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Curt and seconded by Kevin. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0.

   3.1. Chris provided an update on progress. A total of 77 scows have been loaded, which approximates 96,000 CY using an average quantity per scow. BAI are currently working along the piling line in the north access channel.
   3.2. Ted Augustine estimated there were about 8 more loads to take out along the piling line. They are currently re-dredging Cut # 2 because of material creeping in. Ted also noted that GEI and Steele have been working on a combined lead line survey technique.
   3.3. Chris estimated there are about 10 more digging days required, in which case BAI/AGM should finish dredging on or about December 18, depending on weather. Ted noted that completion by December 18 might be on the optimistic side.

4. Update on permit and lobbyist activity, Area 2.
   4.1. Joe advised that Congress is back in session. The lobbyist is active with USACE and the congressional delegation. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA) appointment has been made. This is a key person because he oversees the Army Corps of Engineers. Congressman Keating has a meeting scheduled with him to discuss the permitting process for Area 2, the mooring field. Senator Markey has recently opened discussion with USACE. The Corps expressed to him that they felt positive about reaching a resolution; they need time to touch base with the New England Division people. Joe noted that the efforts of the congressional delegation and the lobbyist have been positive.

5. Long Term/Future Plans to reduce sedimentation rate and future maintenance dredging.
   5.1. The worksheet was reviewed. Chris asked for any updates to the worksheet either tonight or in the future.
   5.2. Discussion ensued on the worksheet items.
   5.3. Curt provided some insights into several of the items on the worksheet.
   5.4. Additional items that were discussed included:
      5.4.1. Use of spoils for Mayo Creek or Herring River Project.
5.4.2. We need to reach out to John Riehl or John Portnoy to discuss who is coordinating the Herring River Project. Janet Reinhart will raise the issue at the Herring River Project Meeting on December 16.

5.4.3. Identification of equipment that is required for dewatering, for containment and settling time.

5.4.4. Potential locations of dewatering equipment.

5.4.5. Thin layer deposition on salt marsh allows for drainage.

5.4.6. Barnstable County equipment ability to handle black mayonnaise. Will Sullivan will call Barnstable County to arrange a discussion on the County Dredging Equipment.

5.4.7. Discussion with Conservation Commission is also appropriate to determine allowable destinations for dredge spoils.

5.4.8. The spoils material doesn’t have much structural capability but is rich in nutrients.

5.5. The worksheet is a work in progress; it will be updated accordingly

5.6. Follow-up actions include:

5.6.1. Chris will contact John Portnoy.

5.6.2. Janet will contact Carol Ridley.

6. Sand/shoaling area at the breakwater.

6.1. We need to reach out to Hilary to determine permit requirements, including if the permits for work at the L-pier (and the material subsequently trucked to Keller’s Corner, Powers Landing) would cover work at the jetty.

6.2. DTF will have GEI gather some survey data at the breakwater when they are on-site for the final post dredge survey at the end of December.

6.3. The material is clean sand; however, proximity to existing grants must be considered.

6.4. Will Sullivan will seek the 1950s drawings for the breakwater details, to show location of the toe of the breakwater.

6.5. The source of the sand is Indian Neck. Ideally, the sand could be pumped back to Indian Beach, from where it came.

6.6. Future discussion is required with the Shellfish Department to delineate areas to pump to, that won’t affect shellfish areas.

6.7. Will and Chris will contact Barnstable County Dredge Equipment and discuss their ability to place clean sand high up on Indian Neck without disrupting the area.

6.8. Curt will be meeting with Hilary tomorrow and will tell her of our discussions and pose our permit questions to her.

7. Next Meeting – it was agreed the next DTF meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

8. Motion to Adjourn – a motion to adjourn was made by Curt and seconded by Kevin. The motion was approved, 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Aberdale and Chris Allgeier