Meeting Date:

May 9, 2022

Wellfleet Dredging Task Force Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 9, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom conference call

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

Others Present (DTF Committee Participants): Will Sullivan.

Others: David Stamatis.

1. Announcements, Open Session, and Public Comments
   1.1. None.

2. Administrative.
   2.1. Roll call was taken to confirm attendees.
   2.2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting, from the April 7, 2022, meeting.
      2.2.1. Time was allocated for people to review the Meeting Minutes from the 04/07/2022 DTF meeting.
      2.2.2. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Charles and seconded by Kevin. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

3. Update on permit and lobbyist activity, Area 2.
   3.1. Chris noted the next big event that we are awaiting is tied to the town meeting for the transfer of the HDYLTA trust into some type of official trust. (Note: it is not HDYLTA that will be transferred, it is two different parcels. Refer to Item 3.6 below for the correct reference).
   3.2. The town meeting is June 11.
   3.3. Joe requested a further update from the harbormaster. Will confirmed that the town vote on the parcels was the seminal event.
   3.4. Additional discussion was held regarding if the proposed parcels would generate sufficient mitigation credits. A package must be submitted to the USACE for their review before we'll know for sure.
   3.5. Alfred asked if we know what restrictions may be imposed on the transferred HDYLTA property.
   3.6. Will corrected Chris’ statement in 3.1 and clarified that the Town meeting is not for the transfer of HDYLTA but is for the transfer of two other parcels that make up portions of an 18.5-acre parcel overlooking the Herring River.
   3.7. Alfred questioned what we would do if the parcels don’t generate sufficient mitigation credits. Chris stated that we believe that the two parcels (HDYTA and
the 18.5-acre parcel) will generate sufficient credits and possibly HDYLTA alone will generate sufficient credits.

3.8. HDYLTA does not require a town meeting vote but is part of the submittal to USACE for mitigation; the two smaller parcels (that are part of an additional 18.5-acre parcel) are on the town meeting agenda and would also be part of the submittal to USACE for mitigation.

3.9. A brief discussion ensued about entities that might be required by USACE to perform independent monitoring, if required by USACE.

3.10. Submittal of the two parcels (HDYLTA and the 18.5-acre parcel) to USACE for mitigation credits is the plan that was worked out in conjunction with our lobbyist and our congressional delegation.

4. 2022 Dredging Plans
4.1. Permitting and state funding are both key to performing any 2022 dredging and neither is a certainty.
4.2. The dredging bid package and drawings will be updated to reflect the 2022 scope in anticipation of things coming together in time for a 2022 season.
4.3. The 2022 Dredging Design effort for Area 2 is 80% covered by an SEC grant.

5. Funding Grants
5.1. EOHED 2022 Dredging Program application – was submitted on the morning of April 14, 2022.
5.2. The state confirmed receipt of the application that same morning.

6. Long Term/Future Plans to reduce sedimentation rate and future maintenance dredging.
6.1. The list has been updated to reflect the status of items.
6.2. The main item on the list is the sand/shoaling at the breakwater.

7. Sand/shoaling area at the breakwater.
7.1. An RFQ has been prepared for engineering services to provide drawings, identify the permits required, and submit the permit applications to perform clean sand/beach nourishment dredging of the shoaling off the breakwater.
7.2. The RFQ will be issued shortly after May 16 upon Rebecca’s return to the office.
7.3. Responses will be due near the end of June, recognizing that the award of the work must be after July 1, 2022, i.e., after the start of the new fiscal year.

8. Miscellaneous Discussion
8.1. Charles asked if the lobbyist had connected with Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce. Will responded that he did not know of all the many contacts the lobbyist has made; the lobbyist has most definitely has been in contact with Senator Markey’s office, Representative Keating’s office, Senator Cyr, and Representative Sarah Peake.
8.2. Alfred asked if the L-pier dredging permit needs to be re-energized. Will advised that the permit is being renewed; Hillary is working on it.
8.3. Alfred asked where we would put the spoils; his concern being that the town has issued a one-year lease to Mac's on the Pier.

8.4. Discussion ensued about being able to place the spoils from the L-pier dredging where we have historically placed them for dewatering (town land, adjacent to Mac's on the Pier). Chris noted he had not seen anything in the lease that would preclude us from placing the spoils at that location; Alfred stated he has a different interpretation and therefore remains concerned. Chris will seek an interpretation of the lease (on this issue) from town administration/town counsel.

9. Next Meeting – it was agreed the next DTF meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

10. Motion to Adjourn – a motion to adjourn was made by Kevin and seconded by Charles. The motion was approved, 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Aberdale and Chris Allgeier