

Meeting Date:

January 11, 2021

**Wellfleet Dredging Task Force Committee
Minutes of Meeting**

January 11, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Meeting held via Zoom conference call

DTF Present: Co-Chair Joe Aberdale, Co-Chair Chris Allgeier, Charles Annett, Kevin Coakley, Alfred Picard (joined at approximately 7:05 pm),

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

Additional Attendees:

1. Administrative.
 - 1.1. Roll call was taken to confirm attendees.
 - 1.2. A brief time was allocated for people to review the Meeting Minutes for the 12/28/2020 DTF meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.
 - 1.3. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Charles and seconded by Kevin. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.
 - 1.4. Committee write-ups for the 2020 Annual report are due 1/29/2021. Joe and Chris provided a draft and are seeking comments/concurrence from DTF members. Comments are due no later than January 20, 2021.
2. Action Item List (AIL)
 - 2.1. The AIL was reviewed; several new items will be added to the list.
 - 2.2. The AIL will be updated and re-issued for the next meeting.
3. Town Piggyback Dredging status
 - 3.1. Will Sullivan advised some specific details of Cashman's recent piggyback dredging; there will be clean-up to do next year in the corners and other more difficult places to reach.
 - 3.2. Cashman successfully dredged 36,000 cy (of 48,000 cy) in the L-pier area. The remaining 12,000 cy will be part of the 2021 Area 1 dredging. Alfred noted that the remaining L-pier yardage is in the edges, which is tougher and takes longer, thus contributing to making the 2021 dredging schedule a full and challenging effort.
4. Permits and NMFS issues
 - 4.1. Joe provided an update on permits, including some upcoming actions to be taken:
 - 4.1.1. USACE continues to be the voice at the table with NMFS, without allowing Wellfleet to directly participate.
 - 4.1.2. In the past, Wellfleet has used a lobbyist to assist with funding for the federal work. A proposal from that same lobbyist is forthcoming to assist with Wellfleet's permit issues with NMFS. The proposal is expected at the end of this week (i.e. by January 15, 2021). The lobbyist is very familiar with USACE/NMFS issues; he would approach it at the upper levels of USACE. The lobbyist is also familiar with the strong support that Wellfleet receives from our congressional delegates – they are strong advocates for our harbor program.
 - 4.1.3. It was agreed that DTF members would review the proposal from the lobbyist; therefore, the next meeting was proposed for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm in anticipation of having received the proposal by then. The proposal will then be forwarded to the Town Administrator and Selectboard.
5. 2021/2022 Plans and Schedules
 - 5.1. The 2021/2022 Plans and Schedules were recently distributed among DTF. No additional discussion was held this evening.
 - 5.2. The 2021/2022 Plans and Schedules will be forwarded to Town Administrator in the near term and reviewed with Town Administrator.

6. Miscellaneous Discussion

- 6.1. Skip inquired if there is now sand in the L-pier/bulkhead area, which in the future might allow its use for beach renourishment. Discussion ensued about the future maintenance dredging with respect to the material possibly being suitable for beach renourishment.
- 6.2. Joe suggested that DTF issue a statement advocating support for the Health/Conservation Department to solicit engineering support on the details of a beach nourishment program. Language for this statement of support will be fleshed out and reviewed by DTF members. Alfred noted that beach nourishment plans may also include re-installing the boards at the pier.
- 6.3. There are several grant applications that need to be submitted in the short term. Wellfleet has successfully utilized the services of a professional grant writer, Alice Boyd, in the past. Alfred will contact Alice Boyd to schedule some initial discussions.
- 6.4. Kevin stated that the Harbormaster had done a good job getting the sand cleared out under the pier.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Joe Aberdale and Chris Allgeier