

**TOWN OF ORLEANS
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ORLEANS DREDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 5:30**

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HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE AND LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE

Call to order at 5:34 PM

Present: Chair Charles Carlson, Vice Chair Steve Smith, Member Ginny Farber, Member Bill Amaru, Member Lukas Smith, Member Betsy Furtney, Alternate Peter Przygocki, Alternate Judy Scanlon

Motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021 with Steve Smith's comment that there should be a second consultant bid when there is new funding. Motion by Ginny. Second by Lukas. Motion carries 6-0-0

Meeting with Christine Player of Foth and Tom Daley regarding hydraulic vs. mechanical dredging of Rock Harbor. To be rescheduled. Betsy Furtney requested that an Eastham representative be invited to this meeting if/when it occurs.

Charlie informed the DAC that the NESG would meet in mid-March. WHG will have the ENF for the estuary dredging by the end of February. WHG says the Scope of Work for the Environmental Impact Report should be established within a couple of months of the filing of the ENF. Assuming that schedule is met, the Environmental Impact Report will be complete by the end of September. The expanded ENF will contain a concept plan for dewatering at the north end of Nauset Beach. Users and abutters of this area have great interest.

Bill Amaru relayed that the Division of Marine Fisheries will be conducting a Black Back Flounder study, which may impact the time-of- year (TOY) restrictions for dredging.

Mill Pond Channel study –Bathymetric studies will begin soon. ENF will include whatever Mill Pond Channel data WHG has in the spring and EIR will contain the rest. Discussion of the rocks at the entrance to the pond. There is no current plan to remove the rocks as that is outside WHG's scope of work. Steve Smith would like to invite Chris Huhle from the Ecological Restoration Division to speak at a future meeting with comments specific to Mill Pond. Bill and Ginny spoke in support.

Committee work in connection with dredge purchase feasibility study – DAC needs to develop a labor cost model using part time employees. Lukas, Steve, and Charlie are working on that. Fuel costs continue to be discussed. Adam will be sending scope of revisions based on our comments and will cost it out for submission to John

Kelly by March 1 for submission of a funding article for Spring Town Meeting.
Warrant closes 3/11. Special Town Meeting warrant closes 3/26

Barnstable County Dredge –Some additional input received – Charlie electronically distributed the status report. There are no further updates. Charlie suggests letting the process play out with further dialogue between BCD and WHG.

Studying impact on terrapins of dredging of Lonnie's and Arey's Ponds – WHG will respond to Betsy's concerns. Charlie will distribute Betsy's email thread. NHESP will weigh in on the taking of terrapins from Arey's north to Meeting House Pond.

Committee work in connection with proposed Pleasant Bay disposal sites – Things to keep in mind. Some owners have more than one property. There are at least two association beaches identified as potential sites (Towhee Lane and East Egg). Steve and Bill will help Charlie contact homeowners. Ginny cannot contact homeowners, as she is Chair of Conservation Commission. There are still lots of questions. What's the process? Does every homeowner have to file a separate NOI? Have TOY issues been resolved? Mark Mathison stated that it's ok for DAC to contact homeowners. WHG will draw up easement agreements and a letter to homeowners.

Scheduling of next meeting and meeting topics. Next meeting will be 2/8/2021. Lukas would like to reschedule the fresh water pond dredging meeting. Betsy requested that Charlie coordinate with the Marine and Freshwater Quality Committee to have their representatives and Drs. Howes and/or Eichner join this meeting whenever it is scheduled.

Motion to adjourn by Betsy. 2nd by Bill. Carries 6-0-0