



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 24, 2024

MINUTES

APPROVED

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

W. Rymer and S. Magdeburger at Town Hall

J. Armstrong, S. Ross and G. Murphy via Zoom

### OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS:

Jonathan Hart and Ram Mohan via zoom

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (in person or via zoom):

One resident in person and a few other members of public via zoom

Rymer called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM and the Committee did the Pledge of Allegiance.

The committee discussed and approved (unanimous 5-0 in favor) the draft minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting that were previously provided to the committee.

Updates were then provided and discussions occurred on the following topics:

- Three DNREC permits (Water Quality Cert, Federal Consistency, and the Subaqueous Land and Waterways Permit) were received on December 12. There are not dredge timing restrictions on any of those permits. Two items of significance:
  1. Request to perform bathymetric surveys each year for the first five years after completion of the project. This will be discussed in more detail at a later date but the requirement doesn't make sense given the nature of this project and the inability of the town to perform another dredging project in the near term regardless of what the surveys would suggest
  2. Placement of navigational markers/aides – previously to be handled by DNREC but no longer willing to perform that function. This effort will be included in the RFP packet for the winning contractor to perform. Estimated cost is \$30,000
- Received the fully approved USACE permit on January 17. Dredge restriction will be between March 1 and August 31. Appreciate USACE, NOAA and DNREC working together to allow the town to begin September 1. Provides additional cushion and protection to help ensure the project is completed by December 31 (as required by landowner).
- Update provided by Anchor regarding current efforts to complete RFP/Bid Proposal packets. Will be completed consistent with the Time Line presented by Jonathan Hart (Anchor QEA). Jonathan walked the committee through an extensive listing of crucial task completion dates and estimates for construction. Major items of note:
  1. RFP/Bid proposal released on Feb 26
  2. Bid Opening on April 5
  3. Recommendation from Anchor and the award of winning bid on May 3
  4. Mobilization of contractor equipment completed by July 17



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5. Erosion control and dewatering area construction (and pipeline setup) completed by August 28
  6. In-water dredging begins Sept 3
  7. Completion of dredging and begin demobilization by Nov 5
  8. Complete demobilization and removal of all equipment by November 22
- Committee discussed the benefits of a 24/7 work schedules compared to a 12/6 work week. Multiple positives and concerns with either scenario depending upon the contractor. RFP to allow contractors to bid work based on either scenario (or both) and the committee will review differences at that time in connection with selecting a winning bid.
  - Land Access Agreement: one significant item is still being negotiated. Expect positive resolution but uncertain until fully agreed upon by both parties.

There was no New Business.

The meeting was then opened to public participation.

- No public comments were made.

The committee's next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by J. Armstrong and seconded by S. Magdeburger to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.