



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 3, 2024, at 10:30 AM

### MINUTES

#### DRAFT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: W. Rymer, J. Pyne and S. Ross at Town Hall  
S. Magdeburger and J Armstrong via Zoom  
Mayor Magdeburger via Zoom

OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (in person or via zoom):

None in person, various via zoom

A MOTION TO approve the June 7 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Bill

MOTION passed unanimously 5-0.

Rymer then provided the committee updates on the following topics:

- Current activities – JF Brennan began full mobilization on Monday Sept 23. Progress was slowed down to resolved outstanding issues surrounding site design, extended work hours, overall footprint and additional protections for the property. By Monday Sept 30, we had resolution and plans to proceed. One last item was to confirm extended work hours. Todd Lawson, Sussex County Administrator, quickly provided that final piece by Tuesday October 1 (dredging work can operate 24/7 if needed). Ultimately, we redesigned the dewatering/bag field location to be three feet lower but now have access to an additional one-half acre for all staging and storage. This staging area will have privacy screening placed around two sides to reduce visibility to the public. These efforts combined with the work stoppage fees will cost approximately \$125,000 more than originally budgeted for. However, these additional funds will be more than covered by the positive operating results and excess RTT earned in June and July of 2024 which were not anticipated when the budget was approved. No impact to long-term reserve forecasts. This additional funding request will be reviewed by Town Council on Friday, October 4.
- Current timetable: begin dredging the North Channel by Monday October 12, complete North Channel and transfer dredge to South Channel by Nov 1 and complete South Channel by Nov 12.
- Dewater and fully demobilize by December 1.



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- Will have to complete the sediment sampling during that timeframe and await results. If contamination is found and needs to be remediated, the town has purchased insurance to help offset the majority of those costs. All previous sampling suggests that remediation won't be necessary however we won't know for sure until all sample results have been reviewed.
- Will also look into next steps for purchasing and installing navigation aides shortly after completion of project.

Jack Pyne asked why the upland sediment sampling was necessary. Rymer explained that this is a contractual agreement which Freeman required in connection with using their property for material placement.

Jack Pyne asked about opportunity for DNREC to piggyback our efforts in hopes that they can dredge the large North/South channel that they are responsible for. Both Rymer and Mayor Magdeburger replied that after numerous discussions with the DNREC representative over the last 18 months, it was clear that DNREC isn't able to commit the funds to dredging that channel and that channel isn't on their short-term radar (not within the next three years).

There was no Public Participation.

A MOTION to adjourn at 11:18

Moved by: Steve Ross

Seconded by: Jack Pyne

MOTION passed unanimously.