



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## **DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 27, 2025, at 1:00 PM**

**Town Hall**

**Minutes**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

W. Rymer and J. Pyne at Town Hall

S. Magdeburger, S. Ross and J Armstrong via Zoom

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

Various via zoom and in person

Rymer called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM and the Committee did the Pledge of Allegiance. The committee reviewed and approved the Draft Minutes from the December 4, 2024 meetings (unanimous 5-0).

Rymer then provided the committee updates on the following topics:

Official Hand-off:

- Freeman accepted full ownership/responsibility for the dredged material in late December. The town has no other responsibilities related to the dewatering location or dredged material.

Channel Markers:

- The town is responsible to install channel markers along the newly dredged channels. The construction and placement of these markers need to be approved by the US Coast Guard and DNREC. Permits will also have to be amended to reflect the installation of these markers. Progress has been slow since we have received limited support from the US Coast Guard. We have received excellent feedback and support from DNREC. Reviewed pictures of the proposed Red and Green Day markers to be proposed. Also reviewed proposed locations for all new channel markers in both the North and South Channels. After these discussions, it was agreed that Steve Magdeburger would propose additional locations for new channel markers in the North Channel to replace older markers that currently exist but are not in good shape and not consistent with the proposed designs of the new markers. These new locations will then be included in the current maps and reflected in the draft application to the US Coast Guard (PATON application). Once we receive approval from the USCG, we will then need sign-off from DNREC. Once both approvals have been received, the town will have to find a firm to construct the channel markers and install them. Finding a group to install channel markers is a concern given limited options available. Looking for guidance from DNREC.
- It was also decided to send a new letter to DNREC (new administration) in hopes that they would be willing to take responsibility for the construction and installation of the



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new channel markers. This was previously agreed to about six years ago but two years ago DNREC refused to take point on this.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business.

Public participation:

Rose Mary Hoy supported to goal of having DNREC install the channel markers and the importance of safe navigation. Possibly create a record of accidents or unintended beachings on sand bars to support the need for DNREC's help.

At 1:52pm, J. Pyne made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Magdeburger. All voted in favor to adjourn.