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CHARGE TO THE DREDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Dredge Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of developing a town-wide dredging improvement and maintenance plan that will promote improved navigation, boater safety, water quality and protection of natural resources in our saltwater estuaries and fresh water ponds.

The Committee will consist of 7 voting members, including one designee and one alternate from the Conservation Commission, Shellfish & Waterways Improvements Advisory Committee, and Marine & Fresh Water Quality Committee, and four members at large representing the fishing and boating community. The DPW & Natural Resources Director, the Natural Resources Manager (Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable) and Conservation Agent will be available to attend meetings and assist the committee as needed.

The Committee is charged with completing certain tasks that will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To meet the current and future needs in Nauset Estuary, Rock Harbor and Pleasant Bay, working with an outside consultant, undertake a cost/benefit analysis to evaluate the potential of the town purchasing and maintaining its own dredge.
2. Work with the Town's Consultant to complete the Nauset Estuary Dredging Project.
3. Work with the Town of Eastham on a joint management plan and schedule for maintenance dredging at Rock Harbor.
4. Work with the Town's consultant to complete the feasibility and cost analysis for maintaining the historically dredged sites in Pleasant Bay.
5. Work with the Town's consultant to determine the feasibility of permitting and dredging fresh water ponds.
6. For both saltwater and fresh water dredging projects, evaluate the options and develop a plan for dewatering and disposal of dredged materials using on-site, off-site and in-water methods for the various sites proposed for improvement and/or maintenance dredging.
7. Compile the committee's work into master plan to guide the town in prioritizing projects for scheduling and funding in the Capital Improvements Plan.
8. Committee will meet at least once a month, or as needed based on the work plan.

All meetings of the Committee will be held at the Town Hall and in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. Minutes of meetings will be filed with the Town Clerk's Office within 30 days of each meeting.

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