

5SPECIAL CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

7/27/06

DREDGING PROJECT

Chesopeian Colony Dredging Company, Inc.

Dredging Committee:

Frank Gurdziel - President; Mike Waro - vice president, (engineer); Barbara Mistrone, Treasurer; Steve Merz - secretary; George Danciger – director (lawyer); Wayne Woolwine – liaison for Chesopeian Colony Civic League.

Engineering Firm –Langley & McDonald Engineering, Planning and Survey Company - Tom Langley (engineer) - hired by Dredging Company.

This meeting was for the purpose of giving an update on the dredging project for the Eastern and Western ancillary channels of Chesopeian Colony on the Eastern Branch of the Lynnhaven River and to inform the members of the Civic League as to the status of the project and some of the details. Some of those details are as follows:

About 23,000 cubic yards are expected to be dredged at a cost of approximately \$30 to \$40 a yard. This is about ½ of the spoils from the last dredging project, which cost about a million dollars. Costs have gone up; therefore, it is anticipated that the cost will remain about the same for each household participating; however, this will vary based on channel and participation. The last time there were 122 participants and to date there are 117 (out of 165) in the project.

Water service and electrical service will have to be disconnected for individual lifts for the dredging of those channels. We hope to have one company to help coordinate the boat lift requirements.

City council will be contacted to see if they will assist financially as part of public management of our waterways. This would be in return for the higher tax dollars that are paid for waterfront.

A license agreement with property owner, Wayne McLeskey, will have to be obtained because McLeskey owns the rights to the channels in the middle. It should take 2 to 3 months to wrap up the permit. The permit is good for 3 years.

The dredging will be 3' at mean low water with an allowance of 1' variance for over dredging. The west side of the Colony will use the ramp for loading. 3/1 slope – ½' over dredge (?).

Monetary Report: \$79,950 has been received, \$62,755 has been spent. \$21,300 is needed for the permit.

Various organizations and boards that have to review the dredging plans and approve: Dept. of Environmental Quality, Army Corp of Engineers, City of Virginia Beach, Coastal (?), Virginia Marine Resource Corp., Wetlands Commission and others as/or if required.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kennedy
Secretary, Chesopeian Colony Civic League