

Portage Harbor Dredging Info' Update as of 3/12/13

Portage Lake, Onekama is definitely scheduled to be dredged in 2013. This was reiterated at the Small Harbor Coalition meeting in Lansing on February 27th and in subsequent phone conversations with Director Creagh of the DNR and Senator Booher's office in Lansing. The Township has submitted a permit application to dredge, so we are complete for the preparation prior to the work. As of today, it appears the Corp of Engineers will handle the dredge work through the State by independent dredge contractors. We have asked for 25,000 cubic yards to be dredged at a cost of \$200,000 to \$250,000 and the State has approved that amount.

Also, we have made inroads for the Village launch ramp repairs in the Park as the ramp needs to be extended further into the lake to deeper water. Village officials are working to get this done before summer, as they realize we need our launching facilities in good condition to keep tourists coming to Onekama.

We will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available.

Portage Lake Harbor Commission