

Board of Selectmen

October 19, 2020

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; Michael Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting then recognized Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty read out the following statement:

As a preliminary matter, this is James Hagerty, Town Administrator. Permit me to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda are present and can hear me.

- *Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. State each members' name.*

Ms. Serpa, Mr. Donaroma and Mr. Smadbeck all answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Hagerty then continued:

Good afternoon. This Open Meeting of Edgartown Board of Selectmen is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus." In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment.

For this meeting, Edgartown Board of Selectmen are convening by via Zoom App as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join for "Zoom" Meetings.

Please note that this meetings is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you, and that take care not to "screen share" your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Meeting Business Ground Rules:

Before the meeting is opened by the Chair, permit me to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.

- o *Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking;*
- o *Please remember to speak clearly and in a way that helps generate accurate minutes*

For Items with Public Comment:

After members have spoken, I will afford public comment as follows:

- *I will first ask members of the public who wish to speak to identify their names and addresses only;*
- *You will then be called upon one at a time to speak.*

Mr. Smadbeck then started to address the first item on the agenda which was a public hearing on the application of the Kelley House for a new Hotel Liquor License under the new owners. Present were Dennis Quilty, legal representation; Evan Bailey, Restaurant Manager; and Anthony Crimi, Hotel Manager.

Atty. Quilty spoke and stated that there would be no changes to the license other than the name of ownership. Everything else would remain the same as the previous Hotel Liquor License.

There being no public comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the public hearing and opened it up for Board discussion. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Elaine Weintraub.

Ms. Wientraub stated that the Underground Railroad Register of Historic Places has recognized Edgartown Harbor as a special place due to the story of Hester in 1743. She would like to place a plaque sharing the designation at Memorial Wharf. The Celestes have offered to fund the plaque and it's placement.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Memorial Wharf is under the Harbormaster and she should go to them, but that he saw no problems with that. He suggested working with Mr. Hagerty.

Ms. Weintraub thanked the Board and County Registrar Paulo deOliviera for all their help in making the designation possible.

The Board thanked Ms. Weintraub for all her hard work.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Julia Tarka from the Edgartown Board of Trade (EBOT). Also present from the Board of Trade was Ms. Erin Ready.

Ms. Tarka stated that in light of the pandemic putting the halt to regular Halloween events, the EBOT would like to have a Halloween Story Walk. The book is "Ghosts Go Marching" and there would be 18 signs spread out over downtown for children to follow and find.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Adam Turner from the MV Commission.

Mr. Turner introduced Ms. Meghan Gombos also from the MVC to make a presentation on the work the MVC has been doing with Climate Change and recognizing the challenges it poses to the island towns and resilience planning. He asked if the Board had received the booklets he had dropped off at Town Hall.

They had.

Ms. Gombos then gave a slideshow about the Regional Island Climate Resilience Initiative and how it applies to Edgartown and the Island as a whole. The slideshow and booklet are available through the MVC. She requested the Board use the book in their decision making processes and create a formal Edgartown Climate Committee.

There was a brief discussion on what a committee would look like, but there were no decisions made. The Energy Committee was open to the idea of having that added to their role.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked them for coming then moved on to the next item which was a Permit to Block the Public Way at 49 Davis Lane. Present was Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that JR Construction wanted to block the road for 1-5 days for a construction project in November. They will contact the Police and himself with exact dates.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A renewal of aquaculture lease for Sweet Neck Farm.

A change of Manager for the Harbor View Hotel to James Arsenault.

To authorize the Chair to sign an MOU for the MV Youth Task Force so they could apply for a grant that could mean \$125,000 for 2 years. The Board congratulated them and approved.

The Board signed the Conditional Assignment for P&S for the Boys and Girls Club land purchase.

The Board appointed Kelly McCarron as Edgartown VTA Rider Representative through July 1, 2021.

The Board approved the Bill and Payroll warrants for the week.

The Board approved the Square Rigger to close 10/31 and l'etoille to close 10/25.

At 4:48 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant