

## Board of Selectmen

October 26, 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 discussion with Josh Silver to create a Marijuana dispensary establishment at 20 Beach Road. The first step is to get a Host Community Agreement with the town through the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Silver was present.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had reviewed the proposal and saw a glaring problem with location. The triangle is already a tough area concerning traffic. He suggested Mr. Silver try the Airport Business Park which has less traffic and is zoned for that type of business.

Mr. Donaroma agreed with Mr. Smadbeck.

Ms. Serpa also agreed. The Triangle area has too high a volume of traffic already.

Mr. Silver thanked the Board for their feedback. He said he would go back to look into the traffic. He felt that his establishment would not add a significant traffic load to the already busy area. He had also explored the Airport Business Park, but the Airport was not interested. They thought there may be a problem with the FAA.

Mr. Smadbeck then asked where his product would come from.

Mr. Silver responded that he has a permitted growing facility in Tisbury.

The Board thanked him for coming in.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Commercial Marine License Renewal for Tenacious Charters.

A space lease renewal for Handy Trucking at the Dark Woods Lot.

For the Fire Department to dispose of items worth under \$10,000 with a sealed bid process.

To allow the Town Administrator to oversee the disposal of items worth under \$10,000 from this point on.

To approve the minutes of October 19, 2020.

To approve the bill warrants for the week.

To accept a gift of a framed arrowhead collection from Paul Jackson and to thank him.

At 4:21 PM Ms. Serpa moved to go into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation with Town Counsel not to return to public session. Mr. Donaroma seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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