

**Board of Selectmen**  
**November 16, 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 for a new aquaculture lease for Liam Cosgrove in the Middle Flats. Specifically lot MF7. He read the notice aloud. Present were: Mr. Cosgrove and Shellfish Warden Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall stated that Mr. Cosgrove had brought his proposal to the Shellfish Committee to grow oysters in Middle Flats which is open ocean and usually used as a grow out area for adults. He will need special equipment and has been working with Cottage City Oysters to learn growing techniques. The Shellfish Committee support the application with 4 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Mr. Cosgrove stated that he's been working with Cottage City Oysters. He understands that the area will be different than growing in Katama Bay. He has a different cage style and thinks his plan will work.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous. They wished him good luck.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 14 Pent Lane. Mr. Donaroma abstained from the hearing. Present was Ms. Cammie Naylor and Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt.

Ms. Naylor stated that the tree in question was a Yellowwood Tree. It is multilimbed, split in two and leans hazardously over the house. They would like to offer replacements of two trees of specimen size with 5-6" caliper of a species agreed upon by the Tree Warden.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the trunk is in poor condition and rotten on the inside. It is a concern. He supports the replacement with two 5-6" caliper specimen trees.

Neighbor Corinne Baster asked how old the tree was. She asked for larger specimen trees for the replacements.

Ms. Naylor replied that it was at least 40 years old. Most likely older.

Ms. Judith Tankard believed that it was much much older and was on a tour of trees.

Mr. Smadbeck then closed the public hearing and opened the floor to Board comment at 4:13pm. Ms. Serpa stated that she understood it was a large tree, but it is diseased and hazardous. She moved to approve removal and replacement with the two 5-6" caliper specimen trees of a species approved by the Tree Warden by May 31, 2021. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma returned to the meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

A gift for the Dredge Department of \$12,500.

Commercial Marine Licenses for Mad Max Marina and Sailing Adventures.

Minutes of November 9, 2020.

The Board appointed Elaina Socrate as a Special Year Round Officer and Chris Scott to the Memorial Wharf Committee.

Mr. Hagerty announced that Town Hall would return to being by appointment only due to the surge in Covid-19 cases.

The Board approved payroll and bill warrants.

At 4:24 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. 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,

Kristy Rose  
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