

Board of Selectmen
November 23, 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 joint meeting with the Board of Health. Meegan Lancaster and Garret Orazem were both present from the Board of Health. Also present was Health Agent Matt Poole. Ms. Lancaster opened the Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Poole then gave some of the details of Phase 3 of the Edgartown Construction Site & Worksite Covid 19 rules of which a copy can be seen and downloaded on the Town website www.edgartown-ma.us.

Dr. Orazem moved to approve Phase 3 for the Board of Health. Ms. Lancaster seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve Phase 3 for the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked the Board of Health for all their hard work and moved on to the next item which was the Edgartown Board of Trade for Christmas in Edgartown. Present were Erin Ready and Julia Tarka.

Ms. Ready stated that they would not be able to have many of the events, but were trying to promote the businesses that were open. To have Christmas in Edgartown as open and safely as possible. They planned on 3 storywalks. The Teddy Bear Suite would turn into an elf on the shelf scavenger hunt. There would also be a window contest.

Ms. Tarka stated that they are going to have more decoration this year on top of what the town does. She had a walk with Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt earlier that day. They would also like to have cut outs people can put their faces in and take pictures. There would also be a festive mask safety banner for over Main St.

Mr. Poole stated that he felt the cutouts would not be a good thing to have. It was inadvisable for multiple people to put their faces in the cutouts in current pandemic. Otherwise he thought everything else mentioned was acceptable.

Mr. Donaroma thanked them for coming in and wished the Board of Trade good luck. He moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Norman Rankow for the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Rankow stated that he was applying to place a dumpster across the street from the Second Hand Store on N. Summer St. for two days. They needed to clean out the store and some things would have to be thrown out. He said that it should only take one day but could take two.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has reviewed the application and approves.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

A Real Estate Subordination for the Affordable Housing Committee.

A gift for the Animal Control Department of \$150 to go into the Sick/Injured Animal Fund.

To Change the Manager of the Reading Room to Steve Warriner until a permanent manager can be hired.

To take the following bids for a surplus outboard motor under advisement: \$5,000 from Anthony Dor and \$6,500 from Steve Ewing.

The minutes of 11/16/2020.

To appoint the following persons to the MV Cultural Council: Susan Shea, Susan Pratt and Barry Boyer.

To Appoint Doron Klingensmith as a Year Round Special Police Officer.

To approve a pop up sale in the private parking spot next to Sea Legs at 15 Dock St. for 11/27-11/29.

To approve the weekly bill and payroll warrants.

Mr. Hagerty stated that despite the Tornado Warning that morning, there had been no reports of damage.

At 4:23 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant