

Board of Selectmen
December 7, 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 Shade Tree Hearing for 49 Davis Ln. for the two trees along the School St. side. Present was Tree Warden Alan deBettencourt.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he recommended removal of Tree #1 which was closest to Davis Ln. but not Tree #2 which was closest to Main Street. The tree is healthy and he thought a trim would help around the wires by Eversource.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he agreed and would like Mr. DeBettencourt to oversee the trimming.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the removal of Tree #1 and trimming of Tree #2 by Eversource with oversight of Mr. deBettencourt with replacement by June 30, 2021. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 87 Pease Point Way.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the tree has outgrown it's lifespan and the area does not support replacement. He recommended replacement with an ornamental understory tree.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve removal with replacement as recommended by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Smabeck stated that he would open the Tax Rate Hearing and then entertain a motion to continue.

Ms. Serpa moved to continue the tax hearing until December 10, 2020 at 9am. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Michael Hegarty with a request to Block a Portion of a Public Way.

Mr. Hegarty stated that he is working on a home at 55 N. Summer St. and would like to place a dumpster in the parallel parking spot out front for a period of 3 weeks.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has spoken with Mr. Hegarty. There is room and he will protect the sidewalk and road from any damages.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

Gifts for the Council on Aging as follows:

\$2,500 from the Vineyard Vision Fellowship to support the Outreach Worker Position.
\$1,250 Title III Cares Grant from the Elder Services of Cape Cod & the Islands to be deposited in the COA Elder Services/Cares Account #3337

A Commercial Marine License Renewal for Gut Feeling Charters.

Renewals of Annual Liquor Licenses for: Alchemy

Al's Package Store
Bad Marthas
Edgartown Diner
Edgartown Meat&Fish
Edgartown Reading Room
Edgartown Yacht Club
Harborview Hotel
L.H. Manager Northeast, LLC d/b/a The Kelley House
M.V. Wine& Spirits
Rockfish
Sharkys
Soigne
The Terrace
The Town Bar & Grill
The Wharf
Your Market

For Sea Legs to have outdoor sales for Christmas in Edgartown.

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The Weekly bill warrants.

At 4:18 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