

Board of Selectmen
December 14, 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 to recognize an award the Water Department had received from MassDEP. Present was the whole Water Department Staff and Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Scott Ellis congratulated the staff on this great achievement for the second year in a row.

Superintendent Bill Chapman also congratulated and thanked the staff. This award meant they were in the top 12.1% of over 700 water systems in Massachusetts.

The Board congratulated them and thanked them for coming in.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a Conservation Restriction (CR) at Tower Hill. Present was Ms. Tory Fletcher for the owners and Mr. Brendan O'Neal from Vineyard Conservation Society (VCS) who would hold the CR.

Ms. Fletcher stated that this family would like to preserve this portion of land while reserving the lot near the water for residential. As part of the CR a portion will be preserved for Agricultural Use. The owner's family has a long standing tradition of agriculture. She mentioned that one of their ancestors was one of the founding members of the Agricultural Society. This would not alter the existing rights of way.

Mr. O'Neal stated the VCS will act as grantee.

Mr. Donaroma brought up the possibility of moth mitigation for the Town.

Ms. Fletcher stated that though it is moth habitat, all the mitigation has been taken up with the agricultural portion.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve subject to the review and approval of Town Counsel. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a curbcut application for 56 Herring Creek Rd.

Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt stated that he has reviewed the application and that it is a relocation of a curbcut that will be safer for the property owner.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

The Town Intern Policy

The Bill and Payroll Warrants.

Innholders License Renewals: Charlotte Inn & Harbor View Hotel

Sunday Entertainment License Renewals: Edgartown Yacht Club, Sharky's Cantina, Town Bar & Grill, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Wharf Pub, Rockfish

Automatic Amusement License: The Wharf Pub

Weekday Entertainment License Renewals: Edgartown Diner, The Wharf, Rockfish, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Town Bar & Grill, The Newes, Sharky's Cantina, Edgartown Yacht Club, Edgartown Jr. Yacht Club

Common Victualler License Renewals: Edgartown Diner, Edgartown Meat & Fish, Soigne, Rockfish, Wharf Pub, Alchemy, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Town Bar & Grill, and Sharky's Cantina

The Board appointed Jay Seigler to the Council on Aging.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly report. The tax rate has been approved at \$3.28. He then brought up the Local Rapid Recovery Grant. Ms. Julia Tarka requested a letter of support. The Board voted to write one.

At 4:22 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