

Board of Selectmen
December 21, 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 an Eversource Hearing for service to 88 S. Water Street. He read the notice aloud. Present was Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt and Eversource Right of Way Agent Jessica Elder.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has seen the plan and approves of the route. The contractor will need an excavation permit.

Ms. Elder stated that they would be directional drilling and were taking the most direct route.

There being no further questions, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve with oversight of the Highway Department. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized IT Manager Adam Darack.

Mr. Darack stated that the new Town Website would be going live the next day. The web address would not change and the navigation is similar. The Town has just changed hosts.

The Board thanked Mr. Darack.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the first of two excavation permits for the Robert B. Ours Co. to do work for the Wastewater Department. The first application was in the area of South Water Street at Dunham Road. Present was Project Manager Damen Burchill and Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt.

Mr. Burchill stated that they were installing bypass force main connections. The duration for both projects would be 7-10 days in the road with the rest of the work on the side of the road and not impeding traffic.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has gone over the project with Mr. Burchill and approves.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve with oversight of the Highway and Police. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next excavation permit for Robert B. Ours Co. that was for the intersection of West Tisbury Road and Chase Road.

Mr. Burchill stated that this project would include some night work and take the same amount of time.

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

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve with oversight of the Highway and Police Departments. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Shellfish Warden Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the Shellfish Committee has approved a Commercial Oyster Season for Sengekontaktet starting December 23, 2020 and ending March 21, 2021. The limit would be 10 "100 count bags" per day with fishing Monday through Friday dawn to dusk. He asked that the Board approve.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the Commercial Oyster Season. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

Class II Auto Dealer Licenses for: Bert Jamgochian, Russel Swartz, and AAA Island Auto Sales.

Auto Rental License for: MV Auto Rentals

The Minutes of 12/7/2020 and 12/14/2020

The weekly Bill and payroll warrants.

The Board cancelled the meeting of 12/28/2020.

To appoint Carole Berger as a full time member of the HDC.

For Alchemy to close from 1/1/21-2/11/21

At 4:28 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