

Board of Selectmen
January 11, 2021
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 Mr. George Pimentel, a resident of Clevelandtown Road. Also present were Police Chief Bruce McNamee and Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt.

Mr. Pimentel explained that Clevelandtown Road is dangerous and unsafe. Vehicles travel too fast for the road. It is narrow and has a narrow sidewalk. He asked the Board to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph.

Chief McNamee stated that it is a narrow street. The Police have been paying attention and monitoring traffic there. He had no objection to lowering the speed limit to 25mph.

Mr. deBettencourt also had no objection to lowering the speed limit.

Ms. Serpa moved to lower the speed limit on Clevelandtown Road to 25mph. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler license for the China House.

For the Harborview to close from January 4, 2021 – March 3, 2021.

For Rockfish to close from February 17, 2021 – March 10, 2021.

The weekly bill warrants.

The minutes of January 4, 2021.

To sign a Conservation Restriction for 35 Tower Hill.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly update. The Yellow House Park RFP is out for bid again with some threshold changes. There has already been some interest. Also Town Hall would be closed the following Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

At 4:19 PM Ms. Serpa moved to go into executive session for the Reason of consideration of Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Real Property. 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