

Board of Selectmen
January 25, 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 Liz Durkee from the MV Commission.

Ms. Durkee introduced herself as the new Climate Change Planner for the MVC. She comes to the positions with 25 years experience as the Conservation Agent for the Town of Oak Bluffs. She just wanted to introduce herself to the Board.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Ms. Durkee for coming and welcomed her to her new position for the Board. He then recognized MVC DRI Coordinator Alex Elvin.

Mr. Elvin stated that the MVC is introducing a new DRI Policy for Energy Use. He introduced Mr. Ben Robinson.

Mr. Robinson gave a slideshow on energy use and the draft new policy which is available from the MVC.

Mr. Smadbeck asked when the state was going to change the regulations for electricity delivery. The town creates a surplus and can only sell to other municipalities.

Chair of the Edgartown Energy Committee Alan Strahler replied that there are a couple of new programs that can add to the municipal use.

Mr. Donaroma asked what the trigger for the DRI requirement would be.

Mr. Robinson responded that they would look at mixed use developments, businesses with fleet vehicles, Rentals or Housing and require installation of at home chargers or other energy efficient changes. He stated that he would come back and update them on the progress.

The Board thanked them for coming in.

The Board then approved the following items:

Commitments for the Harbormaster.

Payroll and Bill Warrants.

The Minutes of 01/19/21

At 4:27 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck 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