

Board of Selectmen
February 22, 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 J. 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 public hearing for a transfer of liquor license for Vintage MV. Present was Atty. Jody Sceery and partial owner John Clift.

Atty. Sceery stated that the store would remain the same, this was a straight forward change of partial ownership.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was the Edgartown Great Pond. Present for the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation (EGPF) was Ms. Emily Reddington and Ms. Melani Nardone. Town Shellfish Constable and Marine Biologist Paul Bagnall was also present.

Ms. Redington stated that the EGPF wants to avoid ecosystem degradation. The pone is at 4' above sea level. Conducting a cut should happen at 3.5. She understands it is a complicated situation.

Mr. Bagnall stated that he felt the measurements may be off as sea level has risen. The town has done a lot for the health of the pond over the years such as sewer upgrading and dredging. They have also worked with many organizations on making the health of the pond better. There was a cut planned for Saturday the 27th as long as conditions were right.

Ms. Reddington asked what the contingency plan was.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the machinery was nearby, so if Saturday wasn't ideal, in theory, it could be done on the next day conditions were favorable.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming.

The Board then took the following actions on the following items:

Approved a Weekday and Sunday Entertainment Licenses for the Harbor View Hotel.

Approved a Used Auto Dealers License for Cars Unlimited.

To award the Yellow House Park Bid to Crossland Landscaping and authorize Mr. Hagerty to sign the contract.

Approve and sign the payroll and bill warrants for the week.

Approve the minutes of February 16, 2021.

Mr. Hagerty then gave a brief update. The Cape Pogue Regulation meeting would be the next day. The Memorial Wharf Committee was presenting to the State the next day for a large grant. He was looking into having Town Meetings in May. The Annual Election will have to be held in April on its usual date. There have been some questions about outdoor dining. He suggested setting a decision date.

At 4:25 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