

Board of Selectmen

March 8, 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 to set a public hearing for an Alteration of Premises on the liquor license of the Edgartown Yacht Club and also to vote on their Change of Officers.

Ms. Serpa moved to set the hearing for March 22, 2021 at 4:00pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve their change of Officers. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty stated that there have been a lot of inquiries about outdoor dining this summer. He'd like to set a hearing date of March 29th at 4:00 to have a discussion. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Block a Portion of a Public Way Permit for Conover Restoration at 10 Pent Lane. Present was Mr. Jeff Lucier and Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt.

Mr. Lucier stated that they were asking for permission for while they are pouring cement to occasionally block the road between 3/9/21 and 3/19/21. He thought they had figured out a way that the trucks could stay off the road, but wanted to be able to cover themselves in case it was needed.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve with the stipulation that Mr. Lucier stay in touch with Mr. deBettencourt and the Police. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a presentation on composting with Eunice Youmans from Island Grown Initiative (IGI). Also present was Don Hatch from MV Refuse District (MVRD) and Matt Poole, Town Health Agent.

Ms. Youmans gave a brief Power Point Presentation on the benefits of industrial composting and the plan for the composters at the MVRD.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about Nantucket. He had gone over there with other town officials a few years ago when they got theirs and now seemed unhappy with them.

Mr. Hatch explained that Nantucket was putting landfill waste in the composter and that is why it wasn't working properly and they were not happy with it. The DEP is more in favor of the MVRD plan. They have seen it and support it.

Ms. Youmans explained that the IGI/MVRD plan is just for food and organic waste and not all household trash.

Mr. Poole noted that it would be important to get all 6 towns to participate. He asked about deer carcasses.

Ms. Youmans responded that carcasses could be composted. She mentioned deer and chickens. She understood the challenge involved in getting all six towns to participate. She asked for a point person with the town.

Mr. Smadbeck told her to keep in contact with Mr. Hagerty and thanked her for coming in.

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

Approved Common Victualler Licenses for the Seafood Shanty and 19 Raw.

Approved Sunday and Weekday Entertainment Licenses for the Seafood Shanty.

Approved donations to the Council on Aging of \$5,000 and \$56.

Approved a Yard Sale Permit for 35 Watcha Path.

Approved the weekly bill warrants and payroll.

At 4:31 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