

Board of Selectmen

March 15, 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 The Women's Forum who were requesting a change in the title Board of Selectmen to Selectboard. Present and speaking for the group was Kate Putnam.

Ms. Putnam stated that they had 80+ women who signed their request.

Ms. Serpa moved to put an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to make the change. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was the Affordable Housing Committee and the Meshacket Project. Present to speak was Tim Rush.

Mr. Rush stated that the RFP is ready and at the State House and Town Counsel for final approvals. There will need to be a committee formed to go over proposals. They will need 2 at large members and one Board of Selectmen Member.

It was decided that the openings for at large members would be advertised. The Board thanked Mr. Rush.

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

Approved the minutes of March 1st and 8th.

Approved Common Victualler Licenses for the Quarterdeck and Atlantic Fish & Chop House.

Approved Weekday and Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Atlantic Fish & Chop House.

To grant the bid for CDBG Grant Administration to Bailey, Boyd and Associates.

To sign a letter in support of Save Our Sound.

To sign the Estoppel Certificate for North Wharf.

To appoint Nis Kildegard to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy until the next election.

To approve the weekly bill and payroll warrants.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly update. The Cape Pogue recommendations are on the agenda for March 22nd. They've replanted the dunes at Right Fork. It's Edgartown's 350th Birthday this year. He would like to put together a committee to plan a celebration. The Board thought that was a good idea and told him to proceed.

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