

Board of Selectmen

April 26, 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 the meeting. Before the first item on the agenda the Board held a moment of silence for Town Moderator Sean Murphy who had passed away the previous week. Town Counsel Ron Rappaport then said some lovely words in memoriam. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the first item on the agenda which was to schedule a public alcohol license hearing for Vintage M.V. - Change of Ownership Interest, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers and Change of Manager to John Clift. The hearing was set for May 10th at 4:00pm.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the first item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 70 N. Summer Street. Eric Klausmann, the applicant, was present.

Mr. Klausmann stated that the holly tree he was requesting was planted by his grandmother and has outgrown it's location right next to the house. He would like to replace them with hydrangeas, which he understands are not shade trees, but would be more appropriate in front of the house.

Tree Warden Alan deBettencourt stated that the area did not support a shade tree and he supported the removal and replacements with hydrangeas.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the holly tree was really more of a bush. He moved to approve removal. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 15 Pinehurst Road.

Mr. deBettencourt spoke to the application that he agreed with the arborist letter and supported removal of the tree. The applicant would like to replace the tree with a red maple shade tree.

Mr. Donaroma wanted to clarify that it would not be a Japanese Maple, but a shade tree type of red maple.

Mr. deBettencourt replied that it would be a shade tree size and would be set back a little further than the current tree to avoid the power lines.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve removal and replacement with a red maple of the Tree Warden's approval with replacement by October 31, 2021. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the third Shade Tree Hearing of the day on 49 Curtis Lane. Present were Harold Mitchell and Matt Gongola of Squash Meadow Construction.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the Black Cherry has already been taken down. He agrees with the arborist that it was not in good condition. The Maple Tree is of good age and healthy. The reason they want to remove it is because it is in the way of the crane for the modular home.

Mr. Mitchell stated that it is true that the maple needs to come down to place the modular units. There is a replacement plan.

Mr. William Farrow, a neighbor, stated that the tree is a beautiful large tree. It provides a lot of shade to the neighborhood.

Ms. Paula Foss, also a neighbor, agreed that it is a beautiful healthy large tree and would be a shame to lose. It provides a lot of shade.

Mr. Hagerty suggested finding an alternative plan for the crane.

Ms. Serpa and Mr. Donaroma liked the idea of looking into alternative plans. It is a big tree.

Mr. Gongola stated that it was the only way for the crane to have proper swing and access.

It was decided to continue the hearing until a site visit could be arranged with Mr. Hagerty, Mr. Donaroma, Mr. deBettencourt and the Squash Meadow representatives to look at alternatives.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. June Schoppe from the MV Arts Association about the Catboat event they would like to have in July.

She presented the following schedule of events:

Please consider the following information when considering our request to conduct an event in Edgartown on July 16-18, 2021, as part of a week-long (July 17-23, 2021) Catboat-themed art and memorabilia exhibit at the Old Sculpin Gallery, 58 Dock Street, Edgartown.

What: An event celebrating the unique catboat heritage of Edgartown, the Catboat Association and the Old Sculpin Gallery, former catboat-building workshop of Manuel Swartz Roberts, from 1908-1954.

When: Friday, July 16, 2021

Catboat Association members sail into Edgartown for their annual Martha's Vineyard Rendezvous.

Members will gather at a private location; the actual number of boats attending will be determined through an rsvp system within two weeks of the event, subject to weather conditions. Estimate 30 vessels, including three vintage vessels hand-crafted by Manuel Swartz Roberts.

Estimated attendance: 40-50 persons

Catboat Association representative: Mark Alan Lovewell:

What: Catboat Parade of Sail

When: Saturday, July 17, 2021

Approximately 1-4 PM

Catboats will assemble in the down harbor area past the narrows in Katama Bay and be led in a glorious Catboat Parade of Sail in Katama Bay by Captain Kurt Peterson aboard Tigress.

Catboats will sail near South Beach, back through Edgartown harbor, past Memorial Wharf, past the Chappy Ferry, and out beyond the Chappy Beach Club, returning to their respective anchorage by late afternoon.

The public is invited and encouraged to view the parade at various vantage points in town at Memorial Wharf, on Chappaquiddick, Lighthouse Beach or Fuller Street Beach, from 1-4 PM.

In-person Parade Commentary will be provided from the Norton Boat House dock, on the water side. This person will be using an amplification system to describe each boat's specific design, origin and maker.

*When: Saturday July 17, 2021
5-7 PM*

*What: Mark Lovewell and Capt. Kurt Peterson will perform sea shanties and tell stories regarding catboat history at the Norton Boat House dockside, from the deck of one of the vintage catboats moored there.
We would be happy to provide for a police detail and/or volunteers to keep ferry traffic lanes clear of pedestrians as attendees move back and forth from the Old Sculpin Gallery to the Norton Boat House. Overflow guests can wait at the Memorial wharf or along the waterfront walkway. This was done previously during the Waterfront Exhibit celebration for OSG's 65th anniversary in 2018.*

When: Saturday, July 17, 2021 5-7 PM

A preview of the Old Sculpin Art Exhibit and admission to the Norton Boathouse will be limited to MVAA artists and parade participants.

Number attending: approximately 40-50 guests in rotation to the Norton Boathouse and Memorial Wharf

*When: Sunday, July 18
What: Catboat Attendees sail away*

When: July 17-23, 2021

What: "Catboats!" Exhibit at the Old Sculpin Gallery, containing catboat and harbor-themed art by members of the Martha's Vineyard Art Association, tools, carvings, half-hulls, furniture, vintage photographs and oral histories pertaining to Manuel Swartz Roberts, who sold his boat-building workshop to the association in 1954 for their gallery.

Permits to be filed: Banner permit for Main Street, Edgartown, below Water Street (near Wharf Pub) : 13' x 3', banner copy to accompany permit application, to be up for one week. (Filed)

Harbormaster Charlie Blair stated that there was no town dockage available, but he had no problems with the event or the parade.

Mr. Hagerty thought a police detail would be needed during the parade and possibly during other times.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the event with required police detail during the parade and at any other times the police chief thought were needed. Mr. Donaoma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Energy Committee Chair Alan Strahler.

Mr. Strahler gave an update on the Green Community status and what they needed to do next. There will be a Stretch Code Information Session on May 11th at 4pm by Zoom. Interested parties can find the link on the Town Website.

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

Approved a Yard Sale at 49 Road to the Plains.

Approved a Change of Corp Structure and change of d/b/a for Backyard Taco.

Approved a change of manager for the Reading Room.

Approved changes to the Police Policies.

Approved a change of date for the Permit to Block a Portion of a Public Way for 33 Fuller St.

Approved the weekly bill warrants.

Approved the minutes of April 12th and 20th.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Town Meeting Warrant books would be in the mail the following week and that Block and Excavate Permits in a public way would be stopped being permitted on May 15th for the Season.

At 4:55 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