

Board of Selectmen

May 17, 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 and the first item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 71 Davis Lane. Present was Cammie Naylor for Donaroma's Nursery. Mr. Donaroma abstained from the item.

Ms. Naylor spoke to the poor health of the two sycamore maples and that they grow up into the power lines and have been severely pruned.

Tree Warden Alan deBettencourt agreed that the trees were not in good shape and recommended removal and replacement.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve removal of the two trees and replacement by October 31, 2021 with location and species to be determined by the Tree Warden. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 62 S. Water Street. Present was Ms. Bonnie Widdoes, property owner.

Ms. Widdoes stated that the Norway Maple was in poor condition and has many broken branches.

Mr. deBettencourt agreed that the tree is in bad condition and he supports replacement of a species of his approval and suitable new location.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve removal and replacement with oversight of the Tree Warden by October 31, 2021. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Pole Hearing for a small cell facility for Verizon. Present for Verizon was Atty. Dan Klasnick.

Mr. Klasnick described the project as a small cell facility on an existing pole. He presented a plan and pictures of what it would look like and entail.

There being no comment or questions, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the small cell facility. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

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

Approved the Chappy Point to Point Banner on August 29th.

Approved the Marathon and ½ Marathon on May 22nd.

Approved a Permit to Block the Road for Paul Brewer at 60 Fuller St.

Approved a Permit to Block the Road at 49 Curtis Ln. for Squash Meadow Construction.

There was then a discussion about the Annual Independence Day festivities. Present were: Joe Solitto, Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer, Police Chief Bruce McNamee and Health Agent Matt Poole.

Chief Schaeffer stated that there are serious concerns about staffing. They usually receive mutual aid from the other towns and that was not guaranteed this year. There is a staffing shortage and not enough to go around.

Chief McNamee agreed. The Police have the same issue.

Mr. Poole felt there was a serious public safety concern.

The Board stated their sadness at having to cancel the parade and fireworks, but if they couldn't hold them safely, it was the best form of action. Ms. Serpa moved to cancel. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved a Sunday Entertainment, Weekday Entertainment and Common Victualler Licenses for Edgartown Cinemas.

Approved a Yard Sale for Shemit at 34 Anthier's Way.

Approved a One Day Liquor License for the Firemen's Association.

Approved Line Item Transfers of \$35,000 from Insurance to Legal and \$13,000 for the Assessors.

Approved the Town Financial Policies.

Approved the Cable Advisory Contract with Bill Sullivan.

Approved the Minutes of May 10th.

Approved the weekly bill warrants.

The Board moved to cancel the meeting for 5/24 and to hold one Friday 5/21 at 3pm. There was also a previously scheduled meeting on 5/18 to go over the Warrants for Annual and Special Town Meeting.

At 4:35 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