

Board of Selectmen

June 7, 2021

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman 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 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 a Shade Tree Hearing for 39 Cottage Street. Present was homeowner Ann McCrae. Also present was Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt.

Ms. McCrae stated that the tree was growing up into the power lines and had been extremely pruned by Eversource over the years. It is ugly and unhealthy and she would like to replace it with something shorter like a Crepe Myrtle that won't grow as high as the lines.

Mr. deBettencourt agreed that it was in poor health.

Mr. Donaroma thought a Crepe Myrtle was not a shade tree. He suggested working with the Tree Warden toward something similar with more of a canopy. He then made a motion to approve the removal with replacement approved by Mr. deBettencourt and planted by October 31, 2021. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 26 Pinehurst Road. Present was homeowner H. William Adams and Mr. deBettencourt.

Mr. Adams stated that the Spruce is in poor health.

Mr. deBettencourt agreed and the applicant has offered to replace it with two trees.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the removal with replacements approved by the Tree Warden. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the Eversource Hearing for Church St. and Pease's Point Way. He read the notice aloud. Present was Right of Way Agent Marissa Jackson and VTA Administrator Angie Grant.

Ms. Jackson went over the project of burying the lines. The project was anticipated to start in November 2021.

Ms. Grant stated it was in conjunction with the inductor charging project.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they have a letter from the Water Department asking for notification.

Ms. Grant stated that some of the Water Lines will have to move, but the VTA is paying for it. They also have made an agreement with the Highway Department about repaving.

There being no further comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Grant then gave a further update on the Church St. Project. They are planning on a phased implementation and as little disruption as possible. They will be starting in November, but have taken Christmas in Edgartown and such into consideration with their plan. They hope to be done by March 1, 2022.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming in and moved on to the next item which was Planning Board Assistant Doug Finn.

Mr. Finn gave a brief update on the work being done on a new Master Plan and asked for permission to apply for a grant.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the Vintage MV Liquor License. It had been returned by the ABCC for some financial and clerical issues. It was now corrected and needed to be reapproved.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed then next item on the agenda which was a Water Taxi Service between the down island towns. Present was Misha Strumwasser from Falmouth Marine that also runs the Pied Piper and Harbormaster Charlie Blair.

Mr. Strumwasser described his intended service as nine trips a day and he didn't think it needed a Commercial Marine License from Edgartown.

Mr Blair stated that he was willing to try pick up and drop off at Memorial Wharf with no reserved time or extra personnel needed. If it were a ferry service like the Pied Piper it has reserved time and requires staff to clear the wharf first and pays a landing fee for that service and privilege.

Mr. Strumwasser stated that he'd like to try it out for a year and see how it goes.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve permission for pick up and drop off at Memorial Wharf nine times a day for under ten minutes each for a trial period of one year. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

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

Approved a Dark Woods Parking permit renewal for Handy Trucking for 2021.

Approved the Minutes of 5/21, 5/27 and 6/1

Approved the weekly warrants.

Made the following appointments to empty positions: Board of Registrars – Wanda Williams and Kristy Rose; Beautification Committee – Susan Drogin; Sign Advisory Committee – Bary Koretz

As a final item, Mr. Smadbeck stated that it was time for a new Selectboard chair and nominated Mr. Donaroma. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:20 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck 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