

Board of Selectmen

July 19, 2021

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman, Margaret E. Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma 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.*

Mr. Donaroma, 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. Donaroma then started the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the annual CDBG Public Hearing. Present were Alice Boyd, Administrator and Cassie Boyd Marsh. Also present was Melissa Vincent of TRI.

Ms. Boyd Marsh then made her presentation. The application due date was September 10th. They were anticipating \$1.3 million dollars for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies. They had been able to help 25 businesses with the Covid Cares Funds.

There being no public comment or questions, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to sign the application and send it for a 12th year. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 22 Cottage Street. Present was owner Robert Green.

Mr. Green stated that the tree was in poor health and he would like to replace it.

Ms. Serpa stated that she had seen the tree and agreed that it was in poor health. She suggested Mr. Green work with the Tree Warden on replacement species.

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

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Alan Strahler, Chair of the Energy Committee.

Mr. Strahler gave a slideshow presentation.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Strahler for coming in and his presentation.

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

Approved a new Commercial Marine License for Doug Tase for fishing charters.

Approved two One Day Liquor Licenses for the Chappy Community Center.

Approved commitments for the Harbormaster's Office.

Approved a grant for Covid Contact Tracing.

Approved an emergency application to Excavate at 56 S. Water St. for Fenner Construction.

Approved the weekly bill warrants.

Approved the minutes of July 6, 2021

At 4:33 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant