

Board of Selectmen
August 23, 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 a Shade Tree Hearing for 66 S. Summer Street. Present was homeowner Charlotte Hall and Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt.

Ms. Hall stated that the Hornbeam Tree that is there is very tall and skinny. Her neighbor has said they would transplant it to their property. She would like a shade tree to replace it.

Mr. deBettencourt wanted to be involved in the replacement choice.

Ms. Serpa moved to remove and replace by October 31, 2021 with the replacement tree approved by the Tree Warden. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next Shade Tree Hearing at 60 Curtis Lane. Present was Matt Gongola of Squash Meadow Construction.

Mr. Gongola stated he would replace with a Birch Tree.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the trees that are there are a clump. He asked for two trees for replacement.

Mr. Donaroma had issue with a Birch tree as a replacement but understood the more columnar shape because of the wires on that side of the road.

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

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next item which was a third Shade Tree Hearing for 18 Norton Street. Present was owner William Schmidt. Mr. Donaroma remarked that the tree was a sad tree.

Mr. Schmidt stated that he would like to remove and replace. He'd like a pretty fall tree like a red maple or red elm.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he agreed with removal and replacement.

Ms. Serpa moved to remove and replace with a shade tree of the species approved by the Tree Warden by October 31, 2021. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item which was SRF State Funding for Wastewater. Present was Joe Rock.

Mr. Rock stated that they are looking for funding for asset management and any future needs. SRF funding is a forgivable loan. Have until June 2022 to use. There would be no funding out of Town pockets. Wastewater is looking for approval to apply from the Selectboard.

Mr. Hagerty recommended approving.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to move forward. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item which was a contact tracing grant for the Board of Health from the State.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Board of Health would be applying with Nantucket to share the grant.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to apply. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the One Day Liquor License for the Chappy Point to Point Race.

At 4:20 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