

Board of Selectmen
August 30, 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 an update on the Town Picnic.

Mr. Hagerty presented a schematic of the location and area of events. He stated that the Board of Health would be addressing it at their meeting the following Tuesday and would weigh in on whether they recommended moving forward or delaying it.

The Board thanked Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the Bass in the Grass event in the Minipark. Ms. Erin Ready from the Board of Trade was present.

Ms. Ready stated that it would be the same as previous years and would stay up for two weeks.

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

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the annual maintenance and inspection of the Chappy Ferry's and the need to close the "cut" line. Present were Peter Wells and Sally Snipes, owners of the ferry.

Mr. Wells stated that the larger ferry would be out for maintenance and inspection from October 17th to a short time before Thanksgiving. The shorter ferry can accommodate less traffic and he would like to shut off the "cut" line except for emergency and school traffic during this time.

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

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item. Vineyard Power made a presentation on the Community Benefit Contract.

The Board voted to appoint Alan Strahler as the Town Representative to the Committee and to write a letter of support for the project. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item which was an application from Squash Meadow Construction to create a curb cut at 60 Curtis Ln. and a permit to block a portion of the road while the prefabricated house was placed. Present was Matt Gongola for Squash Meadow.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the curbcut and blocking the road. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed an application from Squash Meadow to block a portion of the road at 50 Curtis Ln to also install a prefabricated house.

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

Mr. Donaroma then addressed an Excavation Permit for Evergreen Landscape at 74 S. Summer Street. Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt was present.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has reviewed the application. The police are requiring a detail.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve with the requirement of a Police detail. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item which was the annual request for parking spots for parking the prize for the MV Bass & Bluefish Derby. Present was Derby Chair Joe ElDiery.

Mr. El Diery stated that they will have a prize boat this year like the previous year and would like four spots next to the weigh in shack to display it.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

Yard Sales for Julia Tarka and Ruth Montalco.

Harbormaster warrants.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

The Minutes of 8/2 & 8/16.

The weekly bill and payroll warrants.

The Board appointed Juliet Mulinare to the Beautification Committee.

At 4:44 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