

Board of Selectmen
September 27, 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 and Margaret Serpa. 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 and Ms. Serpa 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 and addressed the first item on the agenda which was a Public Shade Tree Hearing for 32 Cottage Street. Present was Tree Warden Alan deBettencourt.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the tree has not leafed and is quite dead. Mr. Donaroma agreed.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal and replacement of the tree of a species approved of by the Tree Warden with a deadline of November 15, 2021 for replacement. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the setting of the Family and Commercial Bay Scallop Seasons. Present was Shellfish Constable and Marine Biologist Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the following was voted at a duly posted public hearing held by the Shellfish Committee on September 21st:

Family Scallop Season will start on October 1, 2021 and end on March 30, 2022 with the limit being one level 10-gallon basket per week or one heaping bushel. Dragging will be permitted in Cape Pogue starting October 29th.

Commercial Scallop Season will start on November 1, 2021 and end March 30, 2022 with a limit of 3 level 10 gallon baskets or heaping bushels per day Monday through Friday.

Mr. Bagnall added that he would be retiring and anticipated the date being January 1, 2022.

Ms. Serpa moved to set the Bay Scallop Season as voted by the Shellfish Committee. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous. They thanked Mr. Bagnall and said they would take his retirement announcement under consideration.

The Board then voted to allow outdoor dining through October 31, 2021.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Dan Doyle from the MV Commission who was present to give an update on the MV Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021.

Mr. Doyle gave an update on where the plan was and how Edgartown and the Island's vulnerability to natural phenomena such as flood and fire had changed since his last update and suggestions of mitigation measures.

Ms. Serpa moved to vote to certify the adoption of the 2021 MV Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Liz Durkee from the MVC who was present to talk about the MV Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Durkee stated that the Climate Action Plan is going to be a 20 year comprehensive plan to develop strategies for addressing climate change and the effects of it. She introduced Ms. Megan Gombos their consultant.

Ms. Gombos gave a presentation on how the Plan will be developed and how it will be an interactive community driven project. There will be a steering committee and six schematic working groups. Planning for kick off meeting in November. Looking for the town to think about appointments and who would be best to contribute and participate as members of the committee and working groups.

Mr. Alan Strahler, Chair of the Energy Committee, thanked Ms. Gombos and said he has been involved through the Energy Task Force. It's a great project. There's a lot of planning going on like the Town Master Plan. The Energy Committee would be happy to work with the town on coming up with good choices for the Climate Action Plan Committee.

The Board thanked everyone.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Yard Sale for 378 West Tisbury Rd.

The Minutes of 9/20/21.

The weekly Bill Warrants.

At 4:35PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant

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