

Board of Selectmen
October 18, 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 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 and addressed the first item on the agenda which was the Energy Committee Chair Alan Strahler to present their new survey.

Mr. Strahler stated that the survey will be on the town website. The committee is trying to understand the factors holding people back from making their homes more energy efficient.

The Board thanked Mr. Strahler.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was a request to block two parking spaces at 39 Main St. for the duration of 60 days starting January 3, 2022.

Mr. Smadbeck noted that the application had the necessary sign offs. He felt 60 days was a long time. He suggested allowing 30 days with the option to continue the permit for another 30 days with approval from the Town Administrator.

Ms. Serpa thought that was a good idea and made a motion including Mr. Smadbeck's restrictions. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item which was Christmas in Edgartown. Present were Erin Ready and Julia Tarka from the Edgartown Board of Trade.

Ms. Ready asked for the Board to permit the following items:

- A banner to be hung over Main Street 12/5-12/12
- The annual parade to be held on December 11th with all accompanying street closure.
- Use of the Minipark and Yellowhouse park for decorations.
- Use of the Minipark and Yellowhouse park for non-profits and school fundraisers.
- Horsedrawn Carriage rides on 12/10 & 12/11 from the Harborview Hotel.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve and wished them good luck. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then made the following actions:

To sign a letter encouraging the State to approve legislation to allow employees to live at the State Forest House.

Approved Travel Vouchers for the Shellfish Department for the Quahog Relay.

Approved the minutes of October 12, 2021.

Approved the weekly bill and payroll warrants.

At 4:17PM 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