

Board of Selectmen
October 25, 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 a tree hearing for 33 N. Summer Street. He then abstained himself from the hearing. Present was Cammie Naylor from Donaroma's for the applicant.

Ms. Naylor stated that the tree was in very poor condition. They would like to replace with a Cleveland Select Pear Tree.

Allan deBettencourt agreed that the tree was in poor shape and is dangerous. He approved of the replacement.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve removal and replacement by November 15, 2021. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then rejoined the meeting and opened the next item which was an update on the Housing Bank legislation. Present were many people, Juliette Fay and Laura Silber spoke.

Ms. Fay gave a brief description on what they are trying to do and where it was in the legislative process.

Ms. Silber then gave an update on the Transfer Fee Bill which was being presented soon. She asked for support from the Selectboard for the bill.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to endorse the Transfer Fee Bill for the Housing Bank Legislation. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then voted to change the Commercial Marine License year from Fiscal to Annual.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Ted Rosbeck, Representative to the MVC.

Mr. Rosbeck stated that he had promised the Board he would give them periodic updates. He stated that permits before the Commission were up, but that they had made the DRI checklist more expansive and that seemed to be why. He gave an update on some specific applications and where they were in the process.

The Board thanked Mr. Rosbeck.

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

Approved an Excavation Permit for Fenner Excavation at 29 Chase Rd.

Set a hearing for continuation of Seasonal Licenses past November 31st to be held on November 8th at 4pm.

Approved the new OPEB policy.

Approved a donation to the Council on Aging from Stop & Shop.

Voted to have the Animal Control Officer investigate a complaint of dangerous dog.

Approved the minutes of 10/18/21.

At 4:31PM 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