

Board of Selectmen
November 1, 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 plaque request. The applicant not being present, Mr. Donaroma moved on to the next item which was a request from Chappy Ferry owner Peter Wells for the installation of public restrooms at the ferry house on Dock Street.

Mr. Wells stated that he has been asking for public restrooms for many years. With the renovation of Memorial Wharf, he thought it was time to raise the issue again. There are no public restrooms in that area of town and there is a great need for them. He asked for an immediate remedy of port-o-potties.

Mr. Donaroma responded that once they get through the Wharf project they could revisit.

Mr. Wells asked about port-o-potties.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Harbormaster had some reservations about it, but he was not at the meeting.

After some discussion from the public present that was not on topic, the Board thanked Mr. Wells for coming in and stated that they would take it under consideration.

The Board then approved the following items:

A One Day Liquor License for the Vineyard Trust for their Christmas in Edgartown event.

For L'etoile to close earlier than originally requested.

The Minutes of 10/25/2021

The weekly bill and payroll warrants.

At 4:23 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