

**Board of Selectmen**  
**November 22, 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 tax rate hearing to which Mr. Smadbeck politely interrupted. Mr. Donaroma recognized Mr. Smadbeck.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Town had lost Lawrence Mercier over the weekend who had held many positions in the Town before he had retired from public life. He did a lot for the Town and will be missed. Mr. Smadbeck asked for a moment of silence.

After an appropriate period of time, Mr. Donaroma stated that Mr. Mercier helped him sell his first plant at his grocery store. He will be missed. Mr. Donaroma then addressed the first item on the agenda which was the Annual Tax Rate Public Hearing. Present was Principal Assessor Patti Roads and the Board of Assessors.

Ms. Roads explained the two items that would be voted on and asked if there were any questions.

There being no questions, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved to have a single tax rate for all classes. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved to have no residential exemption and remain with the same tax rate for all. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was a Public Hearing for the alcohol license for the Harbor View Hotel for a change of manager and alteration of premises. Present was Scott Little, the new manager.

Mr. Little stated that the manager on the license is no longer with the company and they are requesting that he be designated manager. The alteration of premises was to expand their wine room space. There is no expansion of license square footage, it's just shifting things around and improving efficiency.

Ms. Julia Tarka spoke in favor of the changes for the Edgartown Board of Trade.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the change of manager and alteration of premises. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The MV 20 Miler race on 2/19/2022 from 11am – 3pm.

To award the Meshacket Affordable Housing RFP to Island Housing Trust.

A One Day Liquor License for Backwater Trading for their sip & shop event for Christmas in Edgartown.

A Class II Auto Dealer License renewal for Russel Swartz.

To accept the following amounts for the South Beach Bathhouse Relocation and Dune Restoration Project: Trustees of Reservations - \$64,000; County of Dukes County - \$16,000.

The minutes of November 15, 2021.

The weekly bill and payroll warrants.

At 4:24 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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