

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
January 4, 2022
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 the Edgartown Selectboard 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, the Edgartown Selectboard 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 with a moment of silence for Retired ACO Barbara Prada who had recently passed. He then addressed the first item on the agenda which was the Housing Bank group.

Mr. John Abrams covered some bullet points:

- Two ballot votes. One before to send to legislature. Second would be after legislation was approved.
- Membership will only be towns that have voted in.
- Withdrawal can happen anytime. The 30 year sunset clause will also exist.
- Advisory Board makeup will have 4 or 5 members depending on if a town has wastewater: One Board of Health representative, 2 Affordable Housing Representatives and 1 Selectboard Representative. Towns with Wastewater will have one additional member.

- All spending and projects in a town has to be approved by the Town Advisory Board.
- Alignment with Town goals has been so it matches all town plans.
- Stipend noted as not more than \$2000 per year as long as approved by Advisory Boards.
- Property taxes will be assessed and paid by all properties.
- Green practices have been defined better.

Art thanked Mr. Abrams. He moved to put the most recent version of the article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Donaroma seconded. He felt it was important to put on the warrant, it still needs a little work.

Ms. Serpa was concerned that this was going to be a huge hit to Edgartown. The town needs to do more for itself by finishing the Meshacket project. This is a huge percent at 2%. Nantucket is at .5%. She thinks the town can do more.

Mr. Donaroma took a rollcall vote. Mr. Smadbeck and Mr. Donaroma voted Aye. Ms. Serpa voted Nay. The vote passed.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was an update on Church Street from the VTA. Present was Angela Grant.

Ms. Grant stated that they were going to start digging up the road soon. There was an excavation permit approved the previous week from Fenner Construction who will start work on one end and another contractor Riley Brothers who will be starting on the other end will be applying the next week. They seem to be on schedule for having the roadwork done be April 1st.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item which was an Excavation Permit for Farrissey on 30 Mill St. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item which was a gift from Match Point Properties to refurb the front hall of Town Hall. Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept and thank them. Ms. Serpa seconded and stated that it looked great. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item which was the Shellfish Constable position update. He recognized Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Town has received one application for the position which was Shellfish Warden Robert Morrison. Considering there being only one application and the quality of the applicant, he recommended an internal promotion of Shellfish Warden Robert Morrison.

The Board members were all in agreement that Mr. Morrison was a great choice.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to promote Robert Morrison as the new Shellfish Constable. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous. They all congratulated him.

Mr. Morrison thanked the Board.

The Board then approved the weekly bill warrant.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly report. He encouraged the Board to visit Left Fork and check out all the work being done. The Covid tests that the Board of Health received for the public were distributed successfully, the town is expecting more soon and will use a similar process. Charging stations will be installed in the Dark Woods Park and Ride Lot soon.

Ms. Serpa mentioned the annual appointment of the MV Commission Representative. Mr. Donaroma stated that they received a letter from Mr. Rosbeck that he was not seeking reappointment. Mr. Hagerty stated that they would advertise.

At 4:27 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