

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
January 24, 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 opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was an Eversource Hearing for 268 Katama Road. Present was Right of Way Agent Marissa Jackson.

Ms. Jackson stated that the project was straight forward connecting the pole to the property that was on the same side of the street.

Mr. Hagerty stated that there was correspondence from the Highway Superintendent that he had reviewed this and the next hearing notice and approved of them as submitted.

There being no further comment, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next item on the agenda which was an Eversource Hearing for 56 Crocker Drive. Ms. Jackson was present.

Ms. Jackson stated that this again was to provide service to a property. It would go across and under the street from the pole to the property.

There being no comment, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next item on the agenda which was the awarding of the Meshacket Landfill Solar RFP. He recognized Beth Greenblatt from Beacon Integrated Solutions, the Town's consultant on the project.

Ms. Greenblatt gave a presentation on the process and stated that they recommend awarding the RFP to Amaresco.

Mr. Joel Lindsay was present from Amaresco and stated that he looked forward to working with the Town.

Mr. Hagerty stated that this project will be more beneficial to the Town than the two current solar fields. This is only the first step. There also needs to be a Town Meeting vote.

Ms. Serpa moved to move the project forward in the process. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

To accept the Fire Department VFA Grant and Safety Assistant Grant.

To accept the Tide Guage Gift from the Chappaquiddick Island Association.

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

Common Victualler Renewals - Wolf's Den Pizza, Dairy Queen

Auto Rental License Renewal - Vineyard Enterprise Inc. dba Budget

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Mr. Donaroma then recognized School Superintendent Matt D'Andrea who was present on a time sensitive matter.

Mr. D'Andrea stated that the High School can be on the MSBA finalist list for funding for the High School, but as a regional school, they need a letter of support from all of the regional towns. He was asking Edgartown to sign the letter of support.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to sign the letter. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the three bill and payroll warrants for the week.

At 4:37 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