

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
March 28, 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 meeting 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 addressed the first item on the agenda which was an application for the Municipal Small Bridge Grant Program.

Mr. Hagerty spoke that the Highway Department would like to apply for this grant which is a special program for smaller bridges. This would be for the bridge on Katama Road left fork that goes over the Herring Run.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on the next item which was the Police Accreditation Policies. Present was Police Chief Bruce McNamee.

Chief McNamee stated that as part of their accreditation audit there are two small language tweaks that are recommended.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the changes. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item on the agenda and recognized Mr. Smadbeck.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it seems that the public hasn't had any input on the changes that are being proposed to their legislation. He wants to send a letter to the County requesting a public hearing.

Ms. Serpa agreed and moved to send the letter to the County. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed then next item on the agenda which was a petition from residents of the Enos Lots on Chappaquiddick to have a camera removed that was on town land pointed at their mailboxes at knee height pointing in an upward position. He recognized Mr. Robert Fynbo. Present with Mr. Fynbo was Donna Kelly, Ron & Judy Risen, Mary Giordano and Lynn Martinka.

Mr. Fynbo stated that the petition had been signed by many year-round residents of the Enos Lots. He asked for some relief.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he read the petition. This camera was installed on town property without the town's permission. There are concerns about their legality. He thought it was very appropriate to have them removed.

Chief McNamee stated that there are pending criminal charges from them being placed where they are.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to have the Police ask the homeowners to remove the camera immediately. If that was not done in a reasonable time, the town will remove it. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A \$2400 gift to the Council on Aging from the Friends of Council on Aging to go toward their van program.

For Soigne to close for one month for cleaning and break from March 28th – April 11th.

To resign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a slight administrative change to article 1.

The Minutes of March 21st.

The Bill and Payroll warrants.

Mr. Hagerty then gave updates on the fireworks, Memorial Wharf project and he voiced a concern over getting a quorum for town meeting. It will be discussed at a later date.

At 4:21 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