

**Town of Edgartown  
Selectboard  
May 16, 2022  
4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck and Michael Donaroma. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa 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.*

Ms. Serpa, Mr. Smadbeck and Mr. Donaroma 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.*

Ms. Serpa then addressed the first item on the agenda which was an Eversource Hearing for 4 Edgartown Bay Rd. Present was Eversource Right of Way Agent Marissa Jackson and Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt. Ms. Serpa read the notice.

Ms. Jackson explained that this application was to install an anchor and guide wire on an existing pole.

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

Ms. Serpa then opened the second Eversource hearing. This one was for 29 Mercier Way. She read the notice.

Ms. Jackson explained that they would be running conduit under the street.

Mr. deBettencourt requested that it be bored under the road and that the surface not be disturbed.

Ms. Jackson agreed.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with the restriction that it be bored under the street and the surface not be disturbed. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:10pm Ms. Serpa then opened the next item which was a Verizon hearing for work on Church Street. She read the notice out loud. There was no one present from Verizon. Ms. Angela Grant was present for the VTA who is in charge of the Church St. project.

Ms. Grant stated that she understood that the conduit had already been installed when Eversource had the street dug up to install their own conduit. They should just need to run the cable through it at this time.

Ms. Nevette Previd, Executive Director for the Vineyard Preservation Trust was concerned that boxes were installed on the parking lot property of the Whaling Church without consultation.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he believed that same as Ms. Grant that the infrastructure was already installed. The boxes at the Whaling Church are right next to the sidewalk and he believes in the layout of the road.

Discussion ensued and a general disappointment was voiced that Verizon did not do this earlier and did not show up to the hearing.

Ms. Serpa then closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application with no further excavation of the road permitted. If there needs to be excavation, they will need to come back to the Board. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then made the following actions on the following items:

Approved Excavation Permits for RW Bryant on Rd. to the Plains and School St.

Accepted a financial disclosure from Kate Putnam, Edgartown's MV Commission Member.

Approved the following end of year Line Item Transfers:

- Fire / Ambulance Line Item Transfer
  - (\$10,000.00 from Civil Defense to Fire Expense)
  - (\$25,000.00 from Fire Salaries to Ambulance Salaries)
- Police Department Line Item Transfer
  - (\$69,281.00 from Police Salaries to Police Expense)
- Animal Control Line Item Transfer
  - (\$16,000.00 from Health Insurance to ACO Salaries)
  - (\$4,000.00 from Health Insurance to ACO Expense)
- Shellfish Line Item Transfer
  - (\$15,000.00 from Shellfish Salaries to Shellfish Expense)
- Veterans Benefits Line Item Transfer
  - (\$3,100.00 from Health Insurance to Veterans Benefits)

Approved a Subordination of Mortgage for a Residential Homesite Lot.

Approved the minutes of May 2, 2022.

Approved the weekly payroll and bill warrants.

The Board made the following appointments: Affordable Housing Committee, CJ Moriarty; Capital Programs Committee, Susan Drogin; Personnel Board, Kelly McCracken and Susanne Cioffi; Sign Advisory Committee, Nicole Brisson; Beautification Committee, Justine DeOliviera and Erin Ready.

At 4:25PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

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Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

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Arthur Smadbeck

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Michael J. Donaroma  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Administrative Assistant