

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
December 5, 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 J. 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 a Public Shade Tree Hearing for 43 Pease Point Way. Present was Jason Napier to represent the owners.

Mr. Donaroma asked about replacement.

Mr. Napier responded that there are plans to replace it, with whatever is appropriate.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved the request with replacement approved by the Tree Warden and placed by the end of May 2023. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree Hearing for 39 Cottage Street.

There being no questions or comments, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the removal with replacement approved by the Tree Warden and placed by the end of May 2023.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item which was One Day Liquor License for the Board of Trade for December 10th for Christmas in Edgartown.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was berm at 105 Main Street. Present was the owner Mr. Santangelo, his engineer Dan Doyle and Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt.

Mr. Santangelo then explained his issue with the berms on the side of Pease Point Way that abuts his property. There was then discussion on options and the legality of the curb cut that is there including all the violation letters that have been sent.

Mr. Dan Doyle asked about perhaps installing a gutter line in the Town right of way.

Mr. Smadbeck stated he would support that solution. He asked Mr. Doyle to work with the Highway and Mr. Hagerty to work together to develop a plan.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Fire Chief Schaeffer and Andrew Kelly to talk about the Fire Station Building Committee and give an update.

Chief Schaeffer gave an update on where the committee is. They've decided replacement would be best than trying to work with what they have. They've also talked to an architect and the Energy Committee about best energy practices. They've been guided by the report 2019 Feasibility Study which also included the Police Station. The Committee has come to a fork in the road as to whether the Board wanted to move forward as one building or two.

Mr. Smadbeck thought he would like to have them separate. It's more in character with the town. Ms. Serpa agreed. Mr. Donaroma thought that aesthetically he agreed with the rest of the Board. He thought economically it may make more sense, but was an enormous mass. It would have to be massed down visually.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the discussion has only been on the Fire Station.

Chief McNamee stated that the Committee has been very mindful and reached out to the Police Department. The common space would connect the two department's separate areas. The Police are not in dire straits in needing a new building.

Mr. Paulo DeOliveira, citizen and volunteer fire fighter, saw the benefit in having a combined building.

Mr. Hagerty suggested a meeting of the Selectboard with the Committee. The Board asked him to proceed with that.

The Board then approved the following items:

For the NHL to film in town.

The Minutes of 11/21/2022.

The Board appointed Chris White to the Affordable Housing Committee and Arthur Smadbeck to the Affordable Housing Trust. (Mr. Smadbeck abstained from voting for himself)

The Board reappointed Kate Putnam to the MV Commission

The Board approved the weekly bill and payroll warrants.

At 4:48 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Selectboard

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant