

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
January 9, 2023
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 setting a Commercial Oyster Season in Sengekontacket. Present was Shellfish Constable Rob Morrison.

Mr. Morrison stated that the season would run from Feb 1st – May 1st with a limit of 10 -100count bags Monday – Friday.

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

The Board then approved an Excavate in the Road Permit for Fenner Construction at 29 Road to the Plains with the restriction that Fenner reach out to the Highway Superintendent beforehand.

The Board then approved a One Day Liquor License for a fundraiser at the Federated Church for Navigator Homes.

The Board approved a Yard Sale for the Federated Church January 14th on Dark Woods Road.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Police Chief Bruce McNamee.

Chief McNamee stated that Officer Stephanie Immelt will be retiring after 22 years serving the town. He was sorry to see her go and he wishes her well. Her replacement as the School Resource Officer will be Officer Gary Kovack.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve her retirement and thanked her. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Chief McNamee then asked the Board to approve allowing the District Attorney some office space in the Edgartown Police Station. The space they have in the Courthouse is not adequate.

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

The Board approved a Travel Voucher for the Highway Department.

The Board approved the weekly payroll and bill warrants.

At 4:10pm 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
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant