

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
January 30, 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 Brion McGroarty owner of MV Wine & Spirits.

Mr. McGroarty stated that the he supported the nip ban being on the Town Meeting Warrant. He wanted to address the State bottle redemption program. A 5 cent deposit isn't enough. It should be more. He encouraged the Board to reach out to the State and encourage them to increase the deposit. If containers were worth more, there would be less littering and they would be redeemed.

Mr. Smadbeck thought that was a good idea and suggested the Board write a letter. He thanked Mr. McGroarty for coming in.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item on the agenda which was an issue with bus litter at Oakdale Dr. brought to the Board's attention by a Mr. Oakes.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had spoken to the VTA and Mr. Oakes. It is not an official bus stop and on a State road, but is frequently used as a bus stop. This seems to be a real issue that Mr. Oakes has been kind enough to pick up the trash, but it should not be up to him and should be addressed.

Mr. Hagerty stated that he would speak to the VTA and the Highway Department and see if they can come up with a solution.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler License for Stop and Shop

A Used Car Dealer License for Cars Unlimited

A Grant for Fire Department Equipment.

The Harbormaster abatements and commitments.

The Minutes of January 17, 2023.

The weekly bill and payroll warrants.

At 4:12pm 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