

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
June 5, 2023
4:00 pm**

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

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck 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.*

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and addressed the first item on the agenda which was a 5% local retiree COLA option. He recognized Ms. Kelly McCracken, Executive Director of the Dukes County Retirement System.

Ms. McCracken started with a quick explanation of what the DCRS is and who it serves. In FY23 there were 384 retirees that were granted a COLA. In Summer of 2022 the state passed a law allowing to raise the COLA percentage which is a maximum of 3% by statute

to allow an additional 2%. The current base is \$14,000. Edgartown had 81 eligible retirees in FY23. She is asking the Board to vote to: *Approve an additional 2% in accordance with Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 for eligible FY23 retirees payable on June 30th.*

Ms. Serpa moved to approve as stated by Ms. McCracken. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Hagerty to cover the next item which was a discussion of the Land Bank building at 167 Main Street.

Mr. Hagerty stated that there were no responses in the first round. He wanted to know if the Board would like to look into purchasing it for affordable housing or municipal employee housing. It is very close to downtown, has access to town water and sewer. He'd like to gauge the Board's interest and whether it was worth pursuing to the Board.

The Board thought it would be a good idea to look into it further on the Board's behalf.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Transient Vendor License for "The Shop" at 23 Kelly St.

The Minutes of May 30th.

The Weekly Bill Warrant.

Mr. Hagerty then stated that the housing lottery for the Affordable Housing house in Ocean Heights will be June 21st at 4pm in the Town Hall meeting room. There are 30 qualified applicants.

The Board will return to in person meetings on June 20th in the meeting room.

At 4:16pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Selectboard

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant

Documents included in meeting: Agenda, Applications, Permits, Minutes and Warrants