

**Town of Edgartown  
Selectboard  
May 15, 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 Cape & Island DA Rob Galibois with an update.

Mr. Galibois then gave an update. He has hired a new Assistant DA Jessica Alumba who has created a grant writing department to focus on funding for to fight human trafficking and the opioid epidemic. She has also created an unsolved homicide unit. His office has created a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. If anyone is interested in joining this

committee, he welcomed them to reach out to his office. His office has also been focusing on mental health and creating a mental health court. He is grateful to the Edgartown Police for providing office space for his department in their station. The new office hours will be M-F 8am – 1pm.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Galibois for coming in. He moved on to the next item which was a Conservation Restriction (CR) with Sheriff's Meadow (SMF) for about 164 acres on parts of 8 Job's Neck Cove Road, 20 Job's Neck Cove Road, 30 Short Point and South Beach in Edgartown. Present was Adam Moore from Sheriff's Meadow and Tory Fletcher for the property owners the Kohlbergs.

Mr. Moore stated that SMF has been asked to accept the CR. It includes flood plains, agricultural land, forest land, protected habitat and 172' of shoreline.

Ms. Fletcher stated that this represents the owners love of the island.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there would be any public access.

Mr. Moore responded that, at this time, it was still private property. It would be up to the owners and may ultimately lead to public access at some point.

Ms. Serpa moved to accept the Conservation Restriction. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was the Newes Pub. They would like to open just the restaurant and pub for business.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve with the condition that they have completed their fire inspection and have their food permit from the Board of Health. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a new Commercial Marine License for an Ice Cream Boat owned by Hunter Healy. Mr. Healy was present.

Mr. Healy stated that he wanted to deliver ice cream to boats in the mooring fields. He's been approved by the Marine Advisory Committee. He still needs to get his Board of Health permit.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the Commercial Marine License. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved two One Day Liquor Licenses. The first for Sheriff's Meadow Foundation for a fundraiser dinner on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The second for the Eisenhower Gallery for an exhibit opening on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Lucy Dahl who was next on the agenda.

Ms. Dahl asked if she could have a protest in the Yellow House Park from noon to 1pm on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to protest the development before the Historic District for 81 S. Water Street.

Mr. Hagerty stated that this didn't really need approval. They just couldn't block the sidewalk.

Mr. Smadbeck wished Ms. Dahl good luck in her endeavor.

The Board then approved the following items:

Yard Sales - 30 Bold Meadow, 5/27 & 5/28; 41 Bold Meadow, 5/27; 20 Main St. (driveway on S. Water), 5/27

Commercial Marine License Renewals - Tenacious Charters, Mad Max Sailing and Vineyard Boat

Lodging House Renewal - Edgartown Commons

Commitments for the Harbormaster Department.

Line Item Transfers that have been approved by Financial Advisory Committee:

Ambulance Salaries from Ambulance Expense – \$29,912.20

Ambulance Salaries from Fire Expense \$39,772.88

Tax Title from Health Insurance \$12,000.00

Animal Control Expense from Health Insurance; 3,000.00

Shellfish Expense from Shellfish Salaries \$25,000.00

Council on Aging Capital from Health Insurance \$582.00

Police Expense from Police Salaries \$95,000.00

Katama Airfield Expense from Health Insurance \$9,140.00

The weekly payroll and bill warrants.

The minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board appointed John O’Hara as the alternate member to the Financial Advisory Committee

At 4:20pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Selectboard

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Administrative Assistant

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