

**Town of Edgartown
Selectboard
November 13, 2023
4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room of Town Hall. Members present were: Michael J. Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the annual tax rate hearing. Present were Patti Roads, Principal Assessor and the Board of Assessors: Chris Scott, Allan Gowell and Donna Goodale. They opened their meeting.

Mr. Donaroma read the notice aloud:

Place: Selectboard Meeting Room, Town Hall, 170 Main St., Edgartown

Date & Time: Monday, November 13, 2023, 4:10 p.m.

Purpose: To hear public comment to assist in establishing the tax rate for FY2024 by determining whether or not each class of property (Residential, Commercial, and Open Space) should have a different tax rate, or whether the rate should be the same for all classes. Information and data relevant to making the determination and possible fiscal effect of the available alternatives may be obtained in the Assessors' Office. Interested taxpayers may present oral or written information on their views at the time of hearing. Your views are important, please attend.

Ms. Roads stated that the tax rate was expected to be \$2.55 per \$1,000.00 of assessment. She explained the ramifications of choosing to have different rates for different class of property and what that would mean. Traditionally the Board has kept a factor of one (1) and had them all the same.

There being no further comment, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to set a factor of one (1) to use the same tax rate for all classes. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty noted that this was the earliest the tax rate hearing has ever been heard in recent memory. He thanked the Assessors Department for all their hard work. The Board of Assessors then closed their portion of the meeting.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the joint appointment of an interim member of the Planning Board to fill a vacancy. Present from the Planning Board were: Chair Lucy Morrison, Mike McCourt, Scott Morgan and Glen Searle. Also present was alternate James Cisek. The Planning Board opened their meeting.

Ms. Morrison stated they would like to nominate James Cisek for the interim member and Michael Shalette for the new alternate member. The Planning Board moved, seconded and unanimously voted the appointments.

Ms. Serpa moved to appoint Mr. Cisek as the interim member and Michael Shalette for Alternate. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then thanked the Planning Board for coming in and wished the new members good luck. The Planning Board then closed their part of the meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler License for Rosewater Market.

To allow the Council on Aging to apply for the MCOA Grant.

The minutes of November 6, 2023.

The weekly warrants.

At 4:10 pm Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma 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