

**Town of Edgartown  
Selectboard  
January 22, 2024  
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: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting. He stated that they were going to go a bit out of order as most of the people present were there for the full time police officer appointment of Mr. Zach Moreis. Present were: Police Chief McNamee, Town Clerk Karen Medeiros, most of the Police Department and Mr. Moreis' family and friends.

Chief McNamee spoke of Mr. Moreis experience and qualifications. He asked the Board to appoint Mr. Moreis as a full time officer.

Ms. Serpa moved to appoint Mr. Moreis and stated they were very happy to have him. Mr. Smadbeck agreed and seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Moreis was then sworn in by Ms. Medeiros which was followed by a hearty round of applause.

Mr. Smadbeck let the room clear a bit and then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was the request of the County to make the position of County Treasurer appointed instead of elected. Present was County Manager Martina Thornton.

Ms. Thornton stated that it has been difficult to fill a position and keep it filled. The Commission felt it would be easier to find a qualified candidate that would stay longer if they could do it properly. She asked for the Board's support.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they have tried before and failed to get the needed votes, but that he was open to trying again.

Ms. Serpa moved to support it. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was setting commercial oyster seasons for the Great Pond and Sengekontacket. Present was Shellfish Constable Rob Morrison.

Mr. Morrison stated that each winter they try to set a commercial wild oyster season to offset the end of the scallop season. It also benefits the pond by removing nitrogen. Harvest will be limited to using rakes and poles to protect the ponds from the stress of dragging. He asked for the following:

- Season to run from February 1st — April 30th 2024.
- Limit of (10) 100 count bags of oysters per day.
- Fishing allowed Monday-Friday 7am-4pm.
- All other Commercial Shellfish Regulations apply.

In Sengekontacket: Harvest Prohibited in Major's Cove

In the Great Pond: No fishing allowed in the Slough Cove oyster sanctuary.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the commercial oyster season. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A One Day Liquor License for a hot dog fundraiser event at the Library on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A new Common Victualler License for Wicked Burger at 258 Upper Main Street.

Harbormaster Commitment 2024-1 and Abatement 2023-6.

To renew the Fire Chief's Contract for 3 years.

To write a letter of support to set allocate some of the Meshacket Housing project units to house municipal employees.

The weekly warrants.

At 4:13 pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the Selectboard meeting. 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