

**Town of Edgartown  
Selectboard  
April 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; Michael J. Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and before the first item on the agenda had a piece of Board business. He nominated Michael Donaroma as the new chair. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed the first item on the agenda which was a Shade Tree hearing to remove two linden trees at 46 Mill Street. Present for the applicant was Doug Best. Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt was also present.

Mr. Best stated that the owners would like to remove the two lindens. They are 50' tall and shade the whole front yard. They'd like to plant something smaller.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that they are health significant size shade trees. The arborist letter with the application suggests crown thinning and pruning. He would like to see them stay and do as the arborist suggests.

Ms. Serpa agreed with Mr. deBettencourt.

Ms. Katherine Muir from Oliver Street asked the Board to save the trees and approve the pruning.

Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing at 4:06 pm. He agreed with the Tree Warden that they were healthy significant town shade trees that would benefit from some crown thinning and pruning.

Ms. Serpa moved to deny the application for removal and support selective crown thinning by a certified arborist. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next item on the agenda which was a public hearing on the possibility of extending seasonal liquor licenses through December. Present was Jay Kuss, General Manager of Alchemy and about 12 of his year round staff.

Mr. Donaroma noted that the Board had received general letters of support from The Harbor View and MV Wine & Spirits and one letter against from Alchemy.

Mr. Kuss stated that he brought his year round employees to help express who was being impacted by these decisions. December is his #4 month out of the year in earnings. He's willing to support allowing extensions through Christmas in Edgartown, but the end of the year with Christmas parties and New Year's Eve are important for his restaurant to be open through spring.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he understood what Mr. Kuss was saying. The Board had hoped to hear a consensus through the Board of Trade, unfortunately they had not.

Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to allow any requests from Seasonal License Holders through Christmas in Edgartown or December 15<sup>th</sup>. Requests to stay open after that date must be submitted in writing in the amount of time required for notification and will be considered on a case by case basis. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item which was a request from the Chappy Ferry to block portions of the lot at Chappy Point and do some repairs to the ramp. Present were ferry owners Peter Wells and Sally Snipes.

Mr. Wells stated that they are planning on replacing the ramp on the Chappy side of the ferry on the weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Ferry service will be passenger only from Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am to Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Chappy Point will be used as a staging area during construction. He has spoken with Police and Highway and they have both signed the block application. Rain date would be the following weekend.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Rainbow Run on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Amity Island 5k on 8/4 and Banner Application 7/28 – 8/3.

A Block the Sidewalk Permit for Sparkle Window Cleaning at 32 N. Water Street.

A Yard Sale for 23 Beetle Swamp Rd. on 4/27 & 4/28.

A Lodging House License for Vineyard Square Hotel.

Two Commitments and one abatement for the Harbormaster Department.

A Travel Voucher for the Water Department.

The minutes of 4/1 & 4/2.

The Weekly Warrant.

The Board then made the following appointments:

Sandy Joyce as the Edgartown Representative to the MV Center for Living.

Doug Hodgkins as the Alternate for the Marine Advisory Committee.

At 4:35 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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Michael J. Donaroma, Chair

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Selectboard

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Administrative Assistant

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