

**Town of Edgartown  
Selectboard  
August 5, 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: Margaret E. Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a complaint by Chappy Ferry Peter Wells about the crowds' behavior at dock dances. Mr Wells was present. Also present were Police Chief McNamee, Lt. Dolby, Highway Superintendent Allan deBettencourt, Dock Dance Band members Niko Ewing and Alex Karalekas, and Roger Becker concerned citizen.

Mr. Smadbeck went through Mr. Wells suggestions to curb the unruly behavior. The first was to close off the observation deck at Memorial Wharf for the duration of the events.

Chief McNamee agreed with that suggestion.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the second suggestion was to move the time from 7-9pm to 6-8pm.

Mr. Ewing stated that the new time would make it difficult for the band to start on time. They all have full time jobs and families. They do try to encourage everyone to be safe.

Mr. Karalekas stated that the 7-9pm they have now is difficult. When they started it was 8-10pm.

Chief McNamee stated that the band has always tried hard. It's unfortunate. They added 1 regular and 2 traffic officers for that night and it's still unruly.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if it could be moved to Sunday 6-8pm. Then the band wouldn't have to worry about work commitments.

The Band members said no. That was their family day.

The Board stated they'd like it moved to 6-8pm on Tuesdays to see if that was better crowd wise.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the third suggestion which was the addition of a portapotty in one of the ferry captain parking spots.

It was suggested that Mr. Wells and Mr. Hagerty work out the details.

Mr. Hagerty asked if there would be one the next day on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was not looking favorable.

It was agreed that there would not be a Dock Dance on 8/6 due to weather concerns.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming and then moved on to the next item which was an excavation permit for Fenner Construction at 57 Curtis Lane.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that it would be 4 hours in the morning and done by August 16<sup>th</sup>. This was an urgent matter that could not wait for the September 15<sup>th</sup> moratorium date.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

The 20 Miler Road race for February 15, 2025.

The State Primary Warrant set for September 3<sup>rd</sup> with polls open 7am to 8pm.

The minutes of 7/22 & 7/29/24.

The weekly warrant.

The Board appointed Justin Kush to the Affordable Housing Committee.

At 4:30pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. 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