

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**February 18, 2020**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a public shade tree hearing to remove a spruce tree at 41 Winter Street. Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt was present.

Mr.deBettencourt stated that he agreed with taking the tree down and replacing with an appropriate shade tree.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve removal of the tree and replacement by May 31, 2021 with an appropriate tree approved by the Tree Warden and to be planted before an occupancy permit is issued. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was a second shade tree hearing. This one was for Jeff Kontje at 249 Chappaquiddick Rd. for removal of a pitch pine. Mr. Kontje was present as well as Mr. deBettencourt.

Mr. Kontje stated that the pine tree is right on the edge of the driveway and road. It is actually in the town right of way. It is leaning precariously toward his driveway and he would like to take it down before anything happens. He was also requesting to not replace it due to the placement impeding the view from his driveway down the road and for traffic to see him pulling out.

Mr. deBettencourt agreed with removal due to safety concerns and to not replace the tree.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve removal and to not replace. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Sidney Benjamin from Vineyard Conservation Society (VCS).

Ms. Benjamin stated that the VCS is trying to encourage outdoor water refill stations. They would like to work with the town on installing one down town. They are willing to pay for the unit if the town would pay for installation.

Mr. Hagerty responded that there would have to be a discussion with Highway and Water on installation costs.

The Board liked the idea and suggested VCS work with the town departments through Mr. Hagerty to determine cost to the town.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Allan Strahler, Chairman of the Energy Committee for the next item on the agenda which was an update on the town's green community status.

Mr. Strahler then gave a slideshow and went over the criteria that the town must meet in order to be a Green Community.

Mr. Hagerty then asked about the stretch code and if the town needed to hold a public hearing.

After some discussion it was decided that the Energy Committee would set up a public information session before town meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

A permit to block at #8 Pease Point Way S. by Olsen and Sons to facilitate digging a foundation.

An excavation permit for Brissette Electric on Pocha Rd. as long as they have one lane of traffic open at all times.

For the Edgartown Diner to close for seasonal maintenance from 2/16-3/15.

A Travel Voucher for the Wastewater Department.

A Used Car Dealer License for Cars Unlimited.

A Common Victualler License for Espresso Love.

The Minutes of February 10, 2020.

To cancel the February 24th meeting.

At 4:37 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

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Arthur Smadbeck

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Michael J. Donaroma  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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