

## Board of Selectmen

April 10, 2020

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Michael J. Donaroma and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty read out the following statement:

*As a preliminary matter, this is James Hagerty, Town Administrator. Permit me to confirm that all members and persons anticipated on the agenda are present and can hear me.*

- *Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative. State each members' name.*

Mr. Donaroma, Ms. Serpa and Mr. Smadbeck all answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Hagerty then continued:

*Good afternoon. This Open Meeting of Edgartown Board of Selectmen is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus." In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment.*

*For this meeting, Edgartown Board of Selectmen are convening by via Zoom App as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join for "Zoom" Meetings.*

*Please note that this meetings is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference. Accordingly, please be aware that other folks may be able to see you, and that take care not to "screen share" your computer. Anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.*

*Meeting Business Ground Rules:*

*Before the meeting is opened by the Chair, permit me to cover some ground rules for effective and clear conduct of our business and to ensure accurate meeting minutes.*

- o *Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking;*
- o *Please remember to speak clearly and in a way that helps generate accurate minutes*

*For Items with Public Comment:*

*After members have spoken, I will afford public comment as follows:*

- *I will first ask members of the public who wish to speak to identify their names and addresses only;*
- *You will then be called upon one at a time to speak.*

Ms. Serpa then addressed the first item which was the local option to extend the due date for the fourth quarter real estate and personal property tax bills to June 1<sup>st</sup> and also to extend abatement applications for exemption and deferrals. Town Collector Melissa Kuehne was present.

Ms. Kuehne stated that she supports the extension. They will still be sending out demand bills to those outstanding.

Mr. Hagerty stated that he, Ms. Kuehne, The Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer all had a meeting to discuss the ramifications of extending the due dates. He felt they were in a good place.

Mr Smadbeck moved to approve the extension of the due dates for fourth quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved to extend the deadline for exemptions and deferrals. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the Chappy Ferry. Present was Ferry Owner Peter Wells.

Mr. Hagerty stated that they had a Steering Committee meeting on the previous day and Mr. Wells was concerned about the ferry drivers. They negotiated a Continuation of Operation Plan for the ferry during the Covid 19 crisis. The highlights were that the ferry would run from 6am-11pm and run on the hour. This would cluster the cars together and reduce the exposure to the captains. It

would also mean the captains would not have to wear their masks on a constant basis. This was a trial and if it wasn't working things could be adjusted.

Ms. Kat Monterosso asked about emergencies that didn't warrant calling 911. She had a special circumstance.

She was told to call Mr. Wells and was given his number after the meeting.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the Chappy Ferry COOP. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:14PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma 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,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant