

Board of Selectmen

May 4, 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 Mr. David Vigneault from the DC Regional Housing.

Mr. Vigneault stated that the DCRH has been working on several angles to provide rental relief to tenants and landlords impacted by the current crisis. A lot of island people have job insecurity right now due to the stay at home order. He briefly described what they currently do now and avenues of funding they were researching to be a conduit for relief. These included but were not limited to the CDBG funds, Towns' Affordable Housing Trusts and CPC rental assistance funds.

Ms. Serpa asked how many households the CPC now helps.

Mr. Vigneault replied there were 10, but that he felt there would be an increase in landlords.

The Board thanked Mr. Vigneault.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was the next steps in the Construction Moratorium and stay at home order. Present were Meegan Lancaster and Dr. Orazem for the Board of Health and Matt Poole, Health Agent.

Mr. Poole described the next step of opening up construction which would start on May 11th with slightly larger crews allowed and housekeepers being added to the list all with restrictions. On May 18th it would be increased to up to 10 workers barring any setbacks with new cases of Covid 19. The

Stay in Place order extends to May 18th when food service will also be allowed for take out on a case by case basis.

Ms. Lancaster moved to approve the next stages of the Construction Moratorium and Stay in Place orders for the Board of Health. Dr. Orazem seconded Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve for the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

Harbor Commitments and Abatements

To accept a Water Tanker for the Fire Department.

To reappoint Alyssa Starzyk to the Beautification Committee

To appoint a special officer to the police department.

The Minutes of 4/10, 4/17, and 4,27.

Mr. Hagerty then asked the Board to set Town Meeting at the Edgartown School grounds. After discussion it was moved to Saturday June 13th at 1:30pm with a Rain Date of Sunday June 14th at the same time to make it more accessible to voters. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then gave an update:

Mr. Bernard Chiu, owner of the Harborview Hotel, has gifted the town with 800 PPE Masks. Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the gift and send a letter of thanks. Mr. Donaroma echoed the appreciation and seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Paul Pertile has offered to power wash and fix some of the rot on the front of Town Hall as a gift. Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the gift and send a letter of thanks for the generous gift. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then floated an idea with the Board for restaurants to possibly spread out into the streets during the summer evenings like they do in Europe this summer to provide them space to serve. This would mean closing some streets and or parking lots. The restaurants could also sell perishables and groceries. It was just an idea at this point, but he wanted to know what the Board would think of pursuing it.

Mr. Smadbeck liked the idea and supported pursuing it.

Mr. Donaroma also liked the idea and called it creative. He agreed it should be explored.

Mr. Hagerty wanted to set up a task force to help businesses. This was also supported by the Board.

Mr. Hagerty mentioned that the FINCOM is working on cutting \$1.9 million from the upcoming FY21 budget for town meeting in June.

At 4:40 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant