

## Board of Selectmen

May 11, 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 then nominated Mr. Smadbeck to be the new Chair. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck abstained. He thanked his fellow Board members.

Mr. Smadbeck then 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.*

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the first item on the agenda which was a public hearing for the CDBG program. He read the notice aloud and recognized Ms. Alice Boyd, Administrator.

Ms. Boyd stated that the Mass DHCD has made available an additional \$19.6 million in CDBG funds for Covid relief. These funds were for Rental and Mortgage Assistance, Forgivable Small Business Loans and Homelessness Prevention. The maximum the island could apply for was \$1 million and the application would include Edgartown, West Tisbury and Aquinnah.

Ms. Julia Tarka asked several questions about small business relief and requirements.

Ms. Boyd explained the parameters the employees and business needed to fit within to qualify. The funds would be a first come first serve system by when applications were received.

There being no further questions, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve Mr. Hagerty to sign the application for the Town. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was Independence Day. Present was Police Chief McNamee, Fire Chief Schaeffer and Parade Marshall Joe Sollitto.

Mr. Sollitto stated that Legion Post 186 who organize the parade recommended cancelling.

Mr. Smadbeck responded that it was sad but not unexpected. It would've been his 30<sup>th</sup> year in the parade.

The Fire and Police Chiefs agreed. The fireworks should also be cancelled. It was a crowd issue. Too many people congregating.

Mr. Donaroma moved to cancel the Independence Day Celebrations. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Julia Tarka for the Board of Trade.

Ms. Tarka stated that there had been a lot of discussion and communication with business associations in other towns to work toward safely opening and strategies for summer.

Mr. Hagerty responded that there has been a lot of open communication. The Town wants to do whatever it can to help the businesses move forward.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Block the Sidewalk Permit for Nell at 20 Main St.

The minutes of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly update. The tent company had a site visit for Town Meeting. They have suggested two smaller tents. The Governor will be coming out with a back to work plan shortly, the town will then assess reopening Town Hall. He has ordered plexiglass dividers for offices. The fincom is working on cutting \$1.9 million from the FY21 budget. He has no answer to the status of the beaches for summer yet.

The Board then reappointed Ryan Smith to the Shellfish Committee.

At 4:30 PM Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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