

## Board of Selectmen

May 18, 2020

4:00 pm

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

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting 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 an excavate and block the street permit at 56 N. Water St. for Nick Peters for the connection of a new service to water for the Edgartown Inn. Mr. Peters was not present. Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt was present.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he had spoken with the applicant and approved of the project.

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

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly update. He started with the street closure idea to enable restaurants to serve outside. He stated there were still liquor license nuances to figure out, but that they would have all the liquor hearings in one day. It would be in the BI district only. The idea is to approve the overall plan and then tweak for the needs of individual situations. He then moved on to the Governor's reopening plan. It had just come out that morning. It would be in 4 phases and each further phase would depend on the progress of the phase before. He did not see Town Hall being fully open to visitors any time soon.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 5/11/20

To appoint the following traffic officers: Zach Moreis, Stephany Ribeiro, Emily Miller, Hayden Potts, Caylin Kennedy and Kevin Searle.

The Board then recognized Mr. Neal Conclin and his hard work over the past 14 summers. He would not be able to work this year. He would be missed.

The Board then approved the following warrants from the Town Accountant:

48AFY20 for the payment of \$439,091.78 for affordable housing

46AFY20 is from last Monday's warrant, we voided one check for the credit card payment because we used the wrong vendor number, multiple departments were tied to the check for \$2,503.52

47PFY20 is for a Procured contract for design and engineering by Tighe and Bond for the wastewater department at \$28,040.00

47FY20 is for regular weekly bills at \$125,831.02.

Payroll warrant #2023PR completed in the Treasurer's office

At 4:25 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,

Kristy Rose  
Administrative Assistant