

Board of Selectmen

May 26, 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 Mr. Richard White who owns Soft as a Grape.

Mr. White thanked the Board for having him. He wanted to tell the Board that he plans on making a commemorative T-shirt for this 4th of July. He understood that the current situation may make the town budget fall short and wanted to help. He would like to donate a portion of the proceeds from the 4th of July shirt sales to go toward the celebration for 2021.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that was very generous and thanked Mr. White on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Julia Tarka, owner of Rosewater Café and Market in her capacity as representative for the Board of Trade.

Ms. Tarka presented a plan for a farmers market once a week in the lots of the Yellow House and Town Hall. She has been working closely with the West Tisbury Market to have the same protocols and safety in design.

Mr. Hagerty stated that there were some legal questions and the Board of Health would have to approve it, but he thought it was a great idea.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed.

The Board then approved the following items:

To postpone the Chappy Point to Point Race to August 30th.

The Board then heard the Town Administrators Report. Mr. Hagerty gave the Board an update on Stop and Shop and their Peapod service. Originally they had said it would not be available this summer, but have reconsidered. He thanked the Board of Trade for helping put together and distribute the back to work checklist. The construction noise by-law needs to be enforced, there have been a lot of complaints.

The Board then approved Warrant 48FY20.

The Board then thanked Paul Pertile for donating the painting and beautification of the front of Town Hall.

Mr. Hagerty then gave a presentation on possible solutions for restaurants for downtown this summer including several different options and scenarios for street closings and outdoor service. The full presentation is available on the Town's website. There were many restauranteurs and business owners in the audience. A few had thoughts.

Mr. Joe Monteiro thought it was a great idea, he was concerned about customer safety.

Mr. Smadbeck responded that emergency services was involved in the plan and that they would approve anything that was put into place.

Mr. Michael Brisson wants designated pick up zones for take out. He also thought that blocking the upper portion of Main Street was not feasible.

Mr. Geoghan Coogan thanked the town for thinking and trying something. He was concerned about if the restaurant would survive even with outdoor seating.

After some further discussion a listening session was scheduled for June 3rd at 4pm.

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

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant