

## Board of Selectmen

June 1, 2020

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date via Zoom Teleconference. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman 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.*

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 the annual taxi hearing. Present was Police Chief McNamee, Adam Darack and Stagecoach Taxi owner Melanie West.

The Chief and Mr. Darack stated that they didn't have anything to discuss.

Chief McNamee did state that they had not had a lot of interest in drivers getting licenses this Spring.

Ms. West brought up getting permission to deliver alcohol. She's working on looking into getting a permit from the state.

Mr. Hagerty stated that he would have to ask legal and she should return for permission after getting the permit from the state if she wanted to pursue it.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the renewals of taxi company licenses for Stagecoach, Adam Cab, and MV Taxi. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Elaine Weintraub.

Ms. Weintraub wanted to nominate the waterfront to be officially recognized as part of the Underground Railroad. She has found two cases. She would like a letter of support from the Board.

The Board decided they would write a letter in support for Ms. Weintraub.

The following items were then approved:

The Minutes of 5/18/20.

A donation from the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust and Committee or \$15,000 for rental assistance through the DCRHA.

To appoint Special Officer Tim Jacque.

Warrants 48FY20 and 2024PR.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his update: The US Census is going to start door to door soon. The final draft of the Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant books were just about ready. He was having a meeting with the Department Heads for Back to Work procedures.

At 4:40 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck 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