

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
June 3, 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 only item on the agenda which was the plan for outdoor dining for restaurants. He recognized Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Hagerty gave a detailed presentation of the options. The full plan is available on the town website.

Ms. Erin Ready, speaking for the Edgartown Board of Trade, stated that in a survey conducted of the membership there were two things that stood out. There was strong support for not changing traffic patterns and for pick up zones.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board had received the letter from the Board of Trade and understood their points.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Hybrid Model would probably be best. There would be one policy for outdoor dining and one for pick up zones. The application would be set and approved for dispersal on the following Monday. Each application would be approached on a case by case basis holistically.

Julia Tarka, owner of Rosewater and Rosebuds was not in favor of blocking off parking.

Police Chief McNamee would like minimal impact on parking on Lower Main St. and wanted to make sure this was primarily food service and not going to be taken over by just drinking.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the clear intent of this was food service with alcohol.

Christopher Celeste, Leasee of the Yellow House, stated that he supports freely flowing traffic. He didn't want Main St. closed to parking.

Fire Chief Schaeffer was concerned with traffic flow and access, but with planning could figure out work arounds.

Health Agent Matt Poole was concerned with storage of outdoor dining furniture and also food safety as well as the placement of chairs and the space between tables.

Building and Zoning Inspector Reade Milne was concerned about lighting and accessibility to restrooms.

Geoghan Coogan, owner of the Wharf and Rockfish, had issues with tables in the street and safety.

Chief McNamee agreed that barriers were important. The situation was not ideal or permanent.

Joe Monteiro asked about tablecloths and whether it was better to use them and change them out between customers or not use them at all and clean the tables.

Mr. Poole favored no tablecloths. He asked Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt about street cleaning.

Mr. deBettencourt replied that it was simple enough to clean the streets. He was just taking it all in now so that they could form a plan.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming.

At 4:44 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,

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