

Board of Selectmen

August 31, 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 Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the 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, Mr. Donaroma 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 Erin Ready of the Board of Trade to discuss their Bass in the Grass event.

Ms. Ready stated that this year they will have 23 Bass by different artists. The bass will gather at the Rockland Trust Bank downtown that week of September 14th and then on September 21st will be placed on display in the Minipark for two weeks.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the request to use the Minipark. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then asked about Christmas in Edgartown.

Ms. Ready stated that it will be happening, but will be a little different. She thanked the Board for all their help to the businesses this summer.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a curb cut for 27 Mill Hill Road. Present was Alan deBettencourt, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he approved of the request and he briefly described it.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the curb cut. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then went to the next item on the agenda which was a request for a permit to block the road at 41 Winter Street. Present was Mr. deBettencourt and Mr. Allen Look for the owners.

Mr. Look stated that they would like a half day in the morning on September 8th – 10th depending on weather and the best day for the Town.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve and have Mr. Look work with Mr. deBettencourt on the best time and day. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was an application to Excavate by Fenner Construction on Rd. to the Plains.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has discussed the project with the applicant and approves.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

The two bill warrants for the week.

The minutes of 08/24/20. Mr. Smadbeck abstained.

Mr. Hagerty then gave his weekly report. The changes to the Construction Noise By-law that pertained to downtown have been approved by the Attorney General and are now in place. The Yellow House ribbon cutting would be the following Thursday at 8:30am. He asked to rollover his left over vacation days from FY20 to FY21. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:16 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Administrative Assistant