

Board of Selectmen
September 8, 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 an update from The Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-op (CVEC). Present was Liz Argo from CVEC and Alan Strahler who is the Town's Representative to CVEC.

Ms. Argo made a presentation. They plan to have 57 megawatts in the program by 2023.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about income and how it compares with other years.

Ms. Argo referred to page 3 of her presentation and explained that 2019 was down a little because the cost of electricity went down resulting in less income. The Annual Report will be out and distributed shortly and it will have all the details. After her presentation, she thanked Mr. Strahler, Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda and Mr. Hagerty for all their cooperation and assistance. She said they were all great to work with.

Mr. Strahler and the Board thanked Ms. Argo for all her hard work.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a Block a Public Way Permit for Merrill Langley at 68 School Street. Mr. Langley was present as well as Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt

Mr. deBettencourt stated that Mr. Langley and he have spoken and he has submitted a schedule of his project and when they will need to block. He anticipated them being able to do the work most of

the time not blocking off the whole street, but only the three parking spaces in front of the property. He will have a police detail when needed.

Mr. Langley added that he and Mr. deBettencourt had discussed proper protection of the sidewalks during construction.

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

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was an Excavation Permit for Fenner Construction at 29 Meshacket Road to connect to Town Sewer. Mr. deBettencourt spoke for the application.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that he has spoken with the applicant and supports the application.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

Commitments and Abatements for the Harbormaster.

The weekly bill warrants.

The Minutes for August 31st, 2020.

Mr. Hagerty then asked the Board to approve the closing of the Port Hunter for the season on September 13th.

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

At 4:26 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