

Board of Selectmen
September 14, 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 started to address the first item on the agenda. Ms. Serpa requested a moment before beginning. She wanted to thank the Fire and Police Departments for such a nice September 11th ceremony. The rest of the Board agreed it was very nice and added their appreciation.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the first item on the agenda which was a Pole Hearing for an AT&T/Cingular Wireless small cell facility on Beach Rd. at the triangle. Mr. Smadbeck read the notice aloud and recognized Atty. Ed Pare who was representing the applicant.

Atty. Pare went over the details of the project. There would be a bigger pole to support the hardware, but the footprint would not be enlarged. They have the permission of the Mass Department of Transportation because it is a State Road. The facility is to increase service in a problem area.

There being no comment or correspondence, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a request from Rosewater Wine and Spirits to discuss extending the seasonal liquor licenses past the regular date of November 31st. Present was Owner Julia Tarka.

Ms. Tarka stated that she wanted to start the discussion, she understood it would be a process, but would like to try to extend her season for the store since the café was not open. She's like to keep her

employees working. She had looked into getting an annual license, but there were none available at this time.

The Board decided that there should be a formal hearing and discussion with any other establishments that may want to be heard. There will be a hearing on September 28th at 4pm and all liquor establishments will be notified.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was Healthy Aging MV. Present was Paddi Moore and Cindra Trish.

Ms. Moore thanked the Board for having them and then introduced the new Executive Director Cindra Trish.

Ms. Trish introduced herself and then made a presentation. They would like to conduct a new senior survey. The last one was done in 2015 and was very effective in figuring out the needs of the senior population. She would like the Board's support.

Mr. Smadbeck stated it was a good idea. He thought including those that are 60 and over instead of 65 and over was a good idea. He would encourage the survey with a letter of support from the Board if the rest of the Board agreed.

Ms. Serpa moved to have Ms. Trish work with James on a letter of support that the Board will sign. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Steven Auerbach who was present to request a banner for the census. Also present was Keith Chatinover.

Mr. Auerbach explained the 10 year census and that it would end on September 30th. He was trying to have a last push for people to fill them out and participate.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if they had numbers as to the percentage each town has filled out.

Mr. Chatinover responded that he could not answer town by town, but that with an adjustment for seasonal population he felt they were about 85% complete. They are just trying to reach that last 15%.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve an English language banner in front of the Yellow House and a Portuguese language banner in front of the Wharf Pub to be hung until September 30th. The pandemic related banners would then return. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Bill Warrant for the week.

The Minutes of August 8th.

Mr. Hagerty then gave a brief update. The 1st floor of Town Hall is now open to the public with precautions. He stated that the Governor has extended outdoor dining to 60 days past when the State of Emergency is declared over. He asked that the Board approve to extend the Edgartown permission to 30 days past October 30th. Mr. Donaroma moved. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then voted a letter of Support to the MV Diversity Coalition. Mr. Smadbeck thanked Chief McNamee for all his hard work with them.

At 4:37 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