

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING: 4-30-2018

PRESENT: Alan Gowell, Chairman of the Board; Donna L. Goodale & Christopher Scott, members of the Board; Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; and C. Bonnell, Administrative Assistant.

The Chairman brought the meeting to order at 3:06 PM. Mr. Gowell welcomed, Mr Scott to the Board of Assessor. This is Mr. Scotts first official meeting since he was elected on April 12, 2018. After motion made and seconded, Donna L. Goodale will be the Chairman for the ensuing year.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jo-Ann has been contacted by Vision Appraisal, concerning the new software version 8 which will soon be available. Currently, we are using version 6.5. The cost would be \$20,000 which would necessitate an article prepared in November for the Town meeting in April, if the board wants to proceed. Jo-Ann feels that the current software would not be supported after the new version is in place. Jo-Ann will try to get a list of the new features. Alan asked if Steve Ferreira could give them a presentation. Jo-Ann noted that the project will have to go out to bid. Jo-Ann wasn't sure how much trouble there is in converting data, she also felt that the Board should consider alternatives from time to time. She also felt it would be beneficial to talk to other towns and see what their experiences are if other companies' software is under consideration.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

March sales will be discussed at the May meeting

Jo-Ann reported that she attended a meeting about Air B & B's. She said it was an actual MV Commission meeting. She felt that it may not affect the Assessors. There was a short discussion about what happens to the money that is collected. Alan noted that he had asked the town accountant how much Edgartown currently collects as local hotel-motel taxes. This past year it was about \$900,000. He also asked about the optional local meals tax, which the town has not opted to do; he feels it could be a good idea.

At 3:30 Mr. Gowell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss abatement and exemption applications and to return to open session when done. Mr. Scott aye and Ms. Goodale aye.

The Board went back into open session at 3:50 PM.

The Board voted the following action on exemption applications:

Susan Sellers (Clause 18) exempt 50% of the tax

David & Barbara Linton (Clause 18) exempt 1/3 of the tax

The Board voted the following action on abatement applications:

Pikor, Jerome W., Trs. (36-157.1) RE Abate 50,200 from value

Rivers, Gary & Kathleen (36-210) RE Abate 42,100 from value

Ames, David (31-134) RE Abate in full

Ames, David (31-135) RE Abate 142,100 from value

The next meeting will be posted for May 21, 2018 at 3:00 PM

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted: