

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 5-31-2017

PRESENT: Alan Gowell, Chairman of the Board; Donna L. Goodale and Laurence A Mercier, members of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant; C. Bonnell, Administrative Assistant and Steve Ferreira from Vision Government Solutions.

The Chairman brought the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to have Alan Gowell continue to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at this time

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

The Board voted to abate personal property uncollectible taxes from 2017 for \$40.67.

The Board voted to exempt the CPA tax for Amy Brown for FY 17.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed with Steve Ferreira the values at Herring Creek Farm. Steve told the Board that there may be some justification to having two neighborhoods there. Some property owners have beach rights and some don't. It may be that the properties with beach rights may have a higher value. There are a lot of questions for the attorneys that are representing the taxpayers. Steve looked over the letters attached to the abatement applications and noted that there were no appraisals included. He felt that the attorneys will be able to tell us which taxpayers belong to the homeowners association and which ones have beach rights. Jo-Ann noted that no applicants have shown comparable sales to date. And she also noted that some applicants have attorneys representing them and some do not. Jo-Ann suggested that the Board prepare a list of questions for the attorneys. Steve would also like to see documents to define the Herring Creek Farm homeowners Association. Donna provided some of the documents and the 2001 original was provided as well. He noted that fifteen properties have privileges. Jo-Ann noted that some of the taxpayers have beach rights and some access to the cove. She also noted that the decisions have to be made by the end of June. Then the taxpayers have 3 months to file with the ATB or ask for the Board to reconsider. Jo-Ann told the Board that one attorney noted the sale at Oyster Watcha in comparison to Herring Creek Farm. Mr. Gowell stated he would like to see a consistent system. After hearing from the attorneys next week and getting more information, Steve felt that one option would be to have two neighborhoods at Herring Creek Farm and the properties that are not in the Association to have some adjustments.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully submitted: