

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 6-6-2017

PRESENT: Alan Gowell, Chairman of the Board; Donna L. Goodale and Laurence A Mercier, members of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; C. Bonnell, Administrative Assistant; Eric Peters, Attorney; Martha Cohan, taxpayer

The Chairman brought the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

Eric Peters, representing Martha Cohan, presented the Board with his reasoning for an abatement for the Cohan property. He stated that the sales that were used for the valuations were not comparable with the properties he is representing. After hearing the history of the property from Martha, Alan asked if she could enlarge the house. Eric said she could enlarge the building but keep the same amount of bedrooms. She said she is not part of the land association, but she can use the beach like the other descendents of the Cohans. If the property was to sell there would be no beach rights. Alan stated that she is not an interior lot, that she has waterfront. Martha said it is not a great view because a new house has been built on Turkeyland Cove. Donna said she feels that Martha has a compelling argument, and that the Board wants to keep taxpayers here, that we are getting the facts from the sales and we will see where adjustments can be made.

Martha told the Board she didn't know the taxpayers had to schedule a hearing. Jo-Ann told her that they had extensions until June 30. When asking if the others could schedule hearings, Jo-Ann said there is only three weeks left, and wants the decisions made by the end of June. Mr Gowell said the Board would accommodate the taxpayers if they want to come in for hearings.

Eric then presented a letter to the Board from Kathy Kendrick who he is also representing. She wrote a letter to the Board because she couldn't attend the meeting. Eric told the Board that this property pre dates everything, there are no beach rights, access to water, or views. He feels that the two sales that support the values are not in that neighborhood, they justify the waterfront parcels. Once again the Kendrick property is an interior lot. In order to find comparables to that property they may have to look in a wider neighborhood. The high sales will be sorted out. Attorney Rob McCarron will be here for hearings on Thursday and he will be representing 7 parcels- mostly waterfront.

Eric clarified a discussion that was had the day before- He stated that the "flagpole house" has a 4 bedroom septic- owned by Mike Hughes.

Eric and Martha left the meeting at 3:45 PM.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about the Herring Creek Farm properties. They will be getting information from Rob McCarron on Thursday. There is a possibility that there could be some adjustments in that area. There may be another neighborhood added to include the interior lots. Jo-Ann will do some figuring and give the Board some revised numbers at another meeting in June.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: