

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 7-11-2017

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

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

The approval of minutes from the 6-14-2017 meeting and the 6-27-2017 meeting were postponed until the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jo-Ann provided the Board with a newspaper article regarding the regionalization of the Assessor's offices on the Island. The article explained that Adam Wilson, the recently elected Aquinnah Assessor, has been in contact with the DOR, and feels the Island could benefit from doing assessing on a regional basis. There is a grant awarded to the town of Aquinnah to study this for \$7,500. The MV Commission (Adam Turner executive director) has granted an additional \$5,000 to the project. Jo-Ann confirmed that no one from the Edgartown Assessor's office has been contacted by Mr. Wilson or Mr. Turner. Jo-Ann read to the Board the response by the West Tisbury Assessor and the Oak Bluffs Assessor. She had emailed her response to the Board. Donna feels that we should invite Mr. Turner to come in and discuss this issue with the Board.

Jo-Ann gave the Board a copy of a study from the Town of Orleans concerning residential exemptions.

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to abate \$26,000 from the value for property owned by Alison Bass (20C-198).

Jo-Ann told the Board that the deemed denial notices have been sent to Herring Creek Farm property owners and their Attorneys. The Board reviewed the proposed abatements that Jo-Ann has prepared. She estimated that the abatement values would total approximately \$30,000,000 with a tax dollar of \$108,000.00. She will prepare and mail letters to the tax payers and Attorneys with the proposed values.

Jo-Ann discussed with the Board, hiring someone to help complete the field work to meet the upcoming deadlines. She will call Steve Ferreira to see if someone from Vision could be hired to help catch up with the Data Collection.

The next meeting will be posted for July 24, 2017 at 3:00PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted: