

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

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved: June 27, 2017, July 11, 2017, August 14, 2017, August 21, 2017 and September 25, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board reviewed the new warrant article request policy and procedure documentation received from Juliet Mulinare- procurement officer. Jo-Ann will look into how this practice will affect us and if we can continue to raise the money for revaluation annually in preparation for the every fifth year certification.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted to approve the following 61 A & 61B applications:

61A

Athearn Family Land LLC (2)
Athearn, James & Deborah

61B

MV Rod and Gun Club
Vineyard Golf Club(2)
Edgartown Golf Club
Williamson Lenssen Way LLC (Aldrich)
Gerald Jeffers

Notes: The Knight Family Trust is not filing this year. Also, the Board is doing more research on applications from Richard Brown and Welch & Forbes.

The Board voted to allow Jo-Ann to sign for the Board in Gateway.

The Board reviewed the September sales

Jo-Ann went over the reval with the Board and explained what is left to do. Steve Ferreira from Vision has met with the DOR and Don Thornley is meeting with them this week.

After attending the Vision user group meeting this month, Jo-Ann reported to the Board about the new version of the Vision software (version 8.0) that has been developed. Vision will soon be retiring the current version which has been in use for ten years. The new version has a lot more features and functionality. In addition, Vision has been working with a separate company which has developed mobile data collection software using an iPad. It features real time quality control, touch screen sketching, interactive GIS/GPS, and instant automatic photo uploading. Data is entered in the iPad in the field and uploaded to a cloud server and is subsequently downloaded to the town hall Vision server. The initial cost may be up to \$12,500, with subsequent annual maintenance fees. It would be something to consider once the upgrade to Vision 8 is done. She feels it is worth looking at in the future to use with the Vision 8 software. Jo-Ann said before deciding the Board should see a demonstration.

Jo-Ann didn't have an update on the Aquinnah grant to study regionalization of Assessors offices at this time.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on November 14, 2017.

The Board discussed the upcoming FY19 budget. Anticipating employee retirements during FY19, the board is concerned about money to train new employees, i.e. having a retiring employee work on a part time basis for training. Jo-Ann suggested talking to the finance committee and Pam Dolby regarding increasing the FY2019 budget for this purpose. Jo-Ann will be working on the FY19 budget and warrant article soon and Donna asked her to figure out how much money might be needed for training.

The next meeting will be posted for November 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: