

PRESENT: Donna Goodale, Chairperson of the Board; Alan Gowell and Laurence Mercier, members of the Board; Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor and C. Bonnell, Administrative Assistant

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 3:04 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing at this time.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jo-Ann reported the tax collector forwarded an email from Attorney James Coppola (Edgartown’s tax title attorney) regarding parcels 21-128 and 21-129.2 which were merged in the mid 1990’s following various tax takings. Mr. Coppola has done some research and agrees with Attorney Haigazian’s conclusion regarding ownership of parcel 21-129.2, and can find no reason for the merging of these parcels. He recommends that parcel 21-129.2 should be reactivated and assessed to Christopher Chambers for FY2016 taxes and also that Mr. Chambers be allowed to redeem the outstanding tax takings on the parcel for 1989, 1990 and 1991 taxes. The Board signed a warrant for Omitted Assessment of this parcel for FY 2016.

Jo-Ann will write a letter to Hitchings and Geresy concerning the ownership of 48-34.2. After research at the Registry of Deeds, it is unlikely that Geresy has any interest. Jo-Ann has corrected the records.

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to amend the amount of money to be transferred from the overlay account to overlay surplus from \$278,336.83 (voted at last meeting) to \$296,941.02.

Jo-Ann received several 2016 tax bills from the MV Land Bank. She will write to the DOR for permission under Chapter 58 Section 8 to abate the unpaid taxes.

December and January sales will be discussed at the Feb. 16, 2016 meeting.

The MAAO provided the Board with a draft letter to support the Governor’s Municipal Modernization bill. There are 23 initiatives which will, in the opinion of the MAAO, benefit Assessors. The Board will review the bill and discuss it at next month’s meeting.

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

The Board returned to regular session at 4:30PM.

After motion made and seconded, the following FY2016 exemption applications were approved:

VETERANS:

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| Donald Baril | Michael Berninger | Andre Bonnell | Patrice Brewer |
| William Carroll | AnnGray A Doig | Winifred Drake | Joan Dunayer |
| Patricia Johnson | Benjamin Mayhew | Ted Morgan | Paul O’Leary |
| Paul Schultz | Charles Smith | William Whalen | Marvin Wyatt |
| Stephen Whorton | Laurence Langley | Deborah Pytko | James Craig |
| John J Farrington, Jr | James Spagnuolo | | |

ELDERLY:

Patricia Rae Allen	Constance Scott	Richard D Hamilton Jr	Norma Sousa
Wladymyr Rozhen	Carmen Salvador	Peter Van Tassel	

AGED INFIRMED:

Gloria Fisk Baptiste	Ralph Gross	Aileen Jackson	Evelyn Simpson
Leigh Gibson	Joseph Arruda	Beatrice Lawry	

BLIND: William Elbow

After motion made and seconded, the following abatements were voted:

Estate of David Cleary (11-1.321) RE Abate building value

Dominica Gutierrez (21-124.115) RE Denied

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Eric Bassett/ Shindig (105950) PP Abate in full

Mueller—TRS (52-26.42) PP Abate in full

Susan Pratt (20C-64.2) PP Abate in full

Murty & Hillery (11B-10) PP Abate in full

Robert & Dawn Wilkins (12B-129.122) PP Abate in full

Gary & Lois Towne (28-2.22) PP Abate in full

The next meeting will be posted for February 16, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: