

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 7-25-2016

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; and Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant.

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

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Vision Government Solutions was received informing the Board that the new CEO is Gary Fortier.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the June sales. Mr. Gowell asked Jo-Ann to explain how the sales are reviewed. She explained that sales questionnaires are sent to the buyers and sellers to help determine if a sale is an arms-length sale. Field reviews are also done to verify data in the system and to see if the property has new construction, etc. Some sales will then be coded out as unusable for various reasons. Statistical reports are run to compare the existing assessments of the sale properties to the sale prices. After reviewing the results, changes are made in the assessment system where indicated and values are updated for the next fiscal year. The changes may include land adjustments and building rate changes. It is sometimes necessary to compare neighborhoods where there are few sales with similar neighborhoods.

Jo-Ann told the Board that there are two properties with title issues. The first one is parcel 35-30. The records show this parcel assessed to Harriet Hoar et al. Harriet Hoar doesn't feel she owns this and that she sold a portion to the MV Land Bank. Donna suggested to Jo-Ann that she invite the Land Bank in to the next meeting to discuss the issue. They may have some information relevant to the ownership. Donna offered to look over the file.

The second parcel is 22-1. This is currently assessed to the Heirs of Julia Vincent and Roundabout Holdings, LLC. Roundabout Holdings purchase the property in January 2015. Donna will look into this ownership to see if Heirs of Julia Vincent has any interest left.

The next meeting will be posted for Monday, August 22, 2016 at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: