

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 3:08 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the January 20,2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Board voted unanimously to deny a request from Evelyn Macomber to remove Chapter 59 Sec. 38D fines from her properties. (21-6.32 & 21-6.33)

The Board voted to abate uncollectible boat excise for the following years: 2012 \$25.00 2013 \$30.00 2014 \$95.00 and 2015 \$100.00

Jo-Ann explained to the Board that the Accountant has asked the board to consider increasing the amount to be transferred to overlay surplus. The board voted to revisit the decision made at last month's meeting. After discussion about the current balances in the overlay accounts and what should be reserved, the Board revised the decision to transfer \$45,000 and voted to transfer an additional amount of \$90,000 from the 2010-2012 overlay accounts. Jo-Ann will notify the Town Manager and Town Accountant.

Jo-Ann reviewed the 1/1/2014 Equalized Valuation report from the Department of Revenue. Edgartown's EQV was \$6,954,386,400, which is 99% of the actual 1/1/2014 town taxable value. The 2014 EQV decreased about 2% from the 2012 EQV. Edgartown's percentage of county value is 36%, which is about the same as it has been since 2008.

Mr. Mercier will be speaking at Town Meeting on April 14, 2015 if there are any questions on our article. It was noted that a special town meeting will be held before the regular town meeting.

The Board signed a warrant for a revision of value for Spencer & Heather Lake (20B-98.1) resulting in additional taxes of \$6,435.52. The revision is due to a clerical error that was discovered after the tax bills went out.

The Board signed a warrant for a Pro Rata/Pro Forma tax in the amount of \$138.61 for 44 North Neck Road. The property was sold by an exempt organization to a private entity and is now taxable.

At 3:40 PM Mr Gowell motioned to go into Executive session to discuss abatement and exemption applications, and to return to regular session when finished. Mr. Gowell, Mr. Mercier and Ms. Goodale all voted aye.

At 4:32 PM the Board returned to regular session.

After motion made and seconded, the following exemptions were granted:

Clause 22 (Veterans)

James Hagerty	Joan Dunayer
Charles Smith	Eric Farrish
Peter Bettencourt	Laurence Langley
Patrice Brewer	Benjamin Mayhew
Ann Gray Doig	William Whalen

Clause 18

Gloria Fisk 100%
Joseph Arruda 90%
Margaret Boyd 100%

Clause 41C

Norma Sousa

Community Preservation Tax Exemption

David Brennan

The abatement application of Seagate Inc. (20D-208) was denied by the Board. However, Seagate also requested the Ch. 59 Sec. 38D fine be removed. The board voted to remove it and Jo-Ann will write to the Tax Collector to remove the fine from this parcel.

Jo-Ann reported to the Board that a letter was received from Isabel Lenssen who felt she shouldn't be assessed for the road into Planting Field Woods, parcel 20B-117. She did not submit an abatement application. There was a discussion of the assessors' policy in not assessing private roads. Jo-Ann will write her a letter and advise her that the assessment can be removed going forward but that the board cannot abate current or prior taxes.

The next meeting will be posted for March 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM. After that they may be scheduled for the following Mondays (the 23rd and 30th).

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted: