

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 5-18-2015

PRESENT: Donna Goodale, Chairman of the Board; Laurence A. Mercier, member of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; and Cindy Bonnell, Administrative Assistant.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the 5-11-2015 meeting were approved by both board members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from MV Commission was received with the FY 16 budget amount for Edgartown. The letter will be placed on file.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Nothing at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

At 3:30 PM Robert Rukeyser came in front of the Board for an abatement hearing. His property is located at 29 Boldwater Rd (38-3.26). Donna explained to Mr. Rukeyser that the entire town had been revalued, and the result was an increase in value. Mr. Rukeyser stated that his property value had increased 20% for FY 2015. He did not feel there were sales in the neighborhood. He told the Board about the fire on April 26, 2009 that destroyed all the underbrush and 600 mature trees that gave him a buffer from the road. He said the trees cannot be replaced, that an arborist believed one tree was 96 years old. He has planted 60 trees. Vineyard Land Surveying's survey showed he only has 114,700 SF from the street to the house. He feels that he doesn't have the privacy that other Boldwater houses have. He feels his property has a unique circumstance, and that there has been no improvements made. Mr. Rukeyser left the meeting at 3:45 PM.

At 3:55 PM David Dekker came in front of the Board for an abatement hearing. His property is located at 20 Cow Bay Rd (12-18.1). He purchased the property in 2010. He provided the Board with an appraisal prepared in 2012. He told the Board that there was a septic issue involving the neighbors and that there was in a lawsuit against the town. He told the board that he has wetlands on his property that run down toward Beach Road. His house is set back from the street and is not waterfront. He told the Board that he only has a 4 bedroom septic and most houses in Cow Bay have a 6 bedroom septic. He has kept the property as it was, not wanting to update, and got permission to add a dock, but has kept a foot path to the water. He also told the Board he shares a driveway with four properties, and has a lot of road noise. Donna explained that there was a major revaluation in town for FY 2015 which resulted in an increase in value. The comparables that were used in the Mr. Dekker's appraisal were 40 Gaines Way, Golf Club Road, and 8 Janes Cove Road. He showed the Board his views over Trapps pond, but does not have views over Sengekontacket. He explained that his property line is very close to Mr. Condon, that he can't increase his septic, and that the house is not winterized and has no heat. Mr. Dekker left the meeting at 4:20 PM.

The Board made no decision on abatement applications at this time.

The next meeting will be scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the office in the Town Hall.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: