

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 9-28-2015

PRESENT: Donna Goodale, Chairperson of the Board; Alan Gowell and Laurence Mercier, members of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor, and C Bonnell, Administrative Assistant

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the August 31, 2015 meeting were approved by all Board members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing at this time

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to abate the following uncollectible taxes submitted by the Tax Collector:

Personal Property 2012- \$218.71 2013- \$226.37 2014- \$241.92 2015- \$239.52

Boat Excise: 2011- \$93.00 2012- \$93.00 2013- \$203.00 2014- \$203.00 2015- \$178.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Jo-Ann informed the Board that the ATB case for Puciloski was heard on September 14. Ellen Hutchinson represented the Town. The new view channels were discussed. It is Ellen's opinion that the Town will prevail, however there will be briefs. Jo-Ann expects the legal bill to be a few thousand dollars.

Mr. Gowell suggested that the Town Report be a report card, telling the town how many abatement applications we receive and to show when we win ATB cases. He thought there should be more attention on the fact that the Board is doing a good job and that statistically the values are supported. Jo-Ann felt he should give more thought to that and see how the Puciloski case goes. It was suggested he could write the Town Report in December and decide what to say. Donna suggested that Jo-Ann provide Alan with the framework for the report. Jo-Ann suggested that we report how many applications for abatement we receive and how they turn out. Donna noted that she is bothered by the taxpayers that come in for hearings and then list their properties for a lot more.

Jo-Ann reported that Steve Ferreira will be here next week, and that there is a lot more work to be done before finalizing values. Jo-Ann explained to the Board how the sales will be analyzed by Steve and also explained the time line of sales on the sales report as to their assessment. It was suggested that the Board look at the property record cards with the sales report. The sales report and copies of record cards will be attached to the agenda.

The next meeting will be posted for October 26, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted: