EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 12-1-2015

PRESENT: Donna Goodale, Chairperson of the Board; Alan Gowell, member of the Board; Larry Mercier, member of the board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:05 AM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for November 23, 2015 had been cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Donna reported on her brief review of the documents from David Arons concerning the ownership of parcel 48-34.2. She suggested that we ask Mr. Arons for the source of the Hitchings title.

Jo-Ann noted that the town administrator intends to have the town's tax title attorney review the letter from Rosemary Haigazian concerning an old tax taking. Jo-Ann will call SB&H to see if their records have anything useful regarding the merging of 21-128 and the former 21-129.2 back in the mid-1990's.

The board reviewed a letter from RRC which provides their estimate for the FY2017 personal property maintenance cost. It was approved.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

Uncollectible taxes for various fiscal years as reported by the Tax Collector were abated as follows:

Personal Property: 2012- \$149.87 2013 - \$157.35 2014 - \$273.73 2015 - \$701.66

NEW BUSINESS:

Jo-Ann gave a final report on the FY2016 interim update, noting the slight increase overall in town value.

The board reviewed October property sales.

Applications for classification under Chapter 61A for FY2017 were approved as follows: Athearn (28-224.1, 28-224.2 & 28-53.2) Richard Brown (37-10 thru 37-14) Welch & Forbes (33-6.2 & 34-64.3)

Applications for classification under Chapter 61B for FY2017 were approved as follows: Edgartown Golf Club (13-5.111 & 13-5.113) Knight Family Trust (31-10.11 & 31-10.13) MV Rod & Gun Club (6-81) Vineyard Golf Club (22-57.3 22-57.2 22-57.11 & 22-57.12) Gerald Jeffers (31-30.2)

The FY2017 budget will be prepared and emailed to the board prior to discussion at the next meeting.

Jo-Ann reported that the town administrator has requested a transfer from Overlay Surplus, the amount to be as much as is reasonable. The board will review the overlay balances and make a decision at the January meeting or sooner if possible.

The board discussed Jo-Ann's proposal to hire someone to do cyclical inspections for a couple of months annually to meet the DOR requirements for the nine-year plan. She will speak with Juliette in the Procurement office about this.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor