

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 3-3-2014

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

The Board met with the Selectmen at 4:00 PM, to discuss the lease at the Katama Airfield. (See Selectmen's meeting minutes.) At the conclusion of the discussion, the assessors returned to their office to hold their regular meeting.

Mr. Gowell brought the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the 1-27-2014 meeting were approved by Mr. Gowell and Mr. Mercier.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Board received the FY 15 budget from the MV Commission. It will be placed on file.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to abate the following uncollectable personal property taxes: 2012 \$36.11, 2013 \$13.61 and 2014 \$36.11. The Board also voted to have the tax collector remove the \$250.00 fine (Ch. 59, Sec. 38D) from 26 East Line Rd for FY 2014 because the property is vacant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jo-Ann reported to the Board that there will be a warrant on the special town meeting to raise \$26,000 to purchase a vehicle for the Assessors and the Board of Health.

Vision Government was awarded the contract (the only ones to answer the RFP) for the reval for FY 15. Jo-Ann will be receiving the draft contract from them. There will be a warrant article on the special town meeting to transfer funds from Overlay Surplus for revaluation work.

A warrant article has been submitted concerning the exemption of property owned by veterans organizations.

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws c. 59, § 5, Clause 5C. This section increases the local property tax relief to nonprofit veterans organizations.

This is a local option clause that if accepted provides a property tax exemption of \$1,500,000 worth of real and personal property owned by or held in trust for veterans organizations. Veterans organizations are not fully exempt from local taxes on real and personal property owned by or held in trust for them and used for their organization's charitable purposes. The exemption is limited to a certain amount of the fair cash value of the organization's property. The basic exemption is for \$200,000 worth of property (G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 5).

At 4:45 Mr. Gowell moved to get into Executive Session to discuss abatement and exemption applications, and to return to regular session when done. Mr. Gowell, aye, Mr. Mercier, aye.

At 5:10PM the Board returned to regular session.

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

Emily Moore (veteran)

Joan Dunayer (veteran)

Norma Sousa (elderly)

After motion made and seconded, the following exemption was denied:

Stephanie Sheehan (veteran)

After motion made and seconded, abatement applications were acted on as follows:

Kurstin Meehan SSO (21-26) PP abate in full

Mark M. Scheffer –Coogan, Trs. (29-55.4) RE abate 272,300 from value

Karen S Osler (18-31.6) RE Abate in full

Karen S. Osler (18-31.1) RE Abate in full

Karen S. Osler (18-31.4) RE Abate in full

Karen S. Osler (18-72) RE Abate in full

John T. Mead (20A-78.4) RE Abate 5,700 from value

Rebecca Norris (10-60) RE Denied

Sally Houser Trs Etal (20D-334) RE Denied

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 24, 2014.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bonnell, Administrative Assistant