

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 4-22-2014

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

Mr. Gowell brought the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. After motion made and seconded, the Board elected Mr. Mercier chairman for the ensuing year.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting were approved by all the Board members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Jo-Ann received a request from an attorney representing Herring Creek Farm. The request was to release any 61 A liens that are left on the property. Jo-Ann explained that there would be no roll back taxes at this time. After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to have Jo-Ann draft a release to remove any liens that are left on the property.

PERMISSION TO ABATE: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Peters was here for an abatement hearing on the property owned by Short Point Holdings LLC. The Board asked the taxpayer if he would prefer to have the discussion in executive session or open session, and he agreed to open session. Mr. Peters said he would like to see more information on the property record cards that are available on line. Mr. Peters explained to the board that Ron Mechur had done an appraisal, estimating the value at \$7,600,000. Mr. Peters went over the highlights of Mr. Mechur's letter and also explained to the Board that if the property sold it would not be sold with beach rights. There was a short discussion about the beach rights situation and the property line and beach erosion. There was also discussion of nearby similar properties and the sale of two large parcels of property from Pohogonot for 50 acres that sold for a total of about \$10,000,000. Mr. Peters said that they came with beach rights either by car or by boat. When asked when his parents got the property Mr. Peters said it was 1977. Ms. Goodale asked about the deed and received a copy. Mr. Peters left the meeting at 4:26 PM.

Jo-Ann reported to the Board that Steve Ferreira was here from Vision to start work the FY15 reval. He did a quick sales analysis and noted that the sales were "all over the place" but that the median was only a bit low. He will be back at the end of May to start the field review of property sales from 2013 and 2012. RRC will be here on May 5 to start the reval for the commercial personal property for FY15.

Jo-Ann reported to the Board that we are a bit behind on the cyclical reinspection program. The nine year plan should be complete for this year but she feels that we are a tad below 75% complete. In order to satisfy the DOR Jo-Ann will have to come up with a work plan to complete some inspections this year. Jo-Ann is going over a spread sheet

of visit data to determine exactly what percentage we are at. We can then decide whether to hire Vision or a local person to help complete the cyclical. That person or Vision would be paid per parcel and the money would come from the reval money. Mr. Gowell asked Ed about how many parcels he can complete in a day. Ed replied that it depends on the size of the house, etc., but today he had done 8. Jo-Ann told the Board that staying on track with the cyclical is very difficult. After it is decided how many parcels need to be visited, the Board will make a decision about the plan.

At 5:00 PM the Board made a motion to go into executive session to discuss abatement applications and to return to regular session when done. Mr. Mercier aye, Ms. Goodale aye, and Mr. Gowell aye.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 5:20 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the following actions were taken on abatement applications:

Janet Hurley(20C-4.14) RE- Abate 375,400 from value

Sara Kernochan Etal (13-13.1) RE-Denied

Short Point Holdings(42-4) RE- Abate 1,217,600 from value

Auction Realty Trust (43-3.32) RE-Denied

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Martin & Joanne Homlish (38-3.12) RE- Applicant wishes to withdraw the application. The board will take no action and the application will be deemed denied as of 5/1/14.

The next meeting of the Board will be on June 23, 2014.

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

Respectfully submitted: