

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 7-22-2013

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

The meeting was brought to order by the Chairman at 4:12PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the 6-24-2013 meeting were approved by all Board members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nothing at this time.

PERMISSION TO ABATE:

The Board voted to abate the following uncollectible personal property taxes at the request of the Tax Collector:

Personal Property (FY2007)

Edgartown Auto \$44.54 John McBride \$47.60 Stephen D Robinson \$16.24

Personal Property (FY2013)

Nancy E Lotz \$14.50 33 Cottage LLC \$156.25

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board heard a report from Jo-Ann concerning Katama Air Field. Ed Pierce did a complete field review of the buildings on the property with Mike Creato. The building assessment data is correct, and there is still a residential apartment in the main building. The glider business seems to still be going on. Jo-Ann will review the land assessment on the leased portion for FY14. She told the Board that a letter has been sent to Mr. Creato asking for additional information about all the activities at the airfield, including a request for copies of any subleases. She also reported that she had spoken briefly with Attorney Hutchinson. The Board asked Jo-Ann to send a copy of that letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Air Field Commissioners. Jo-Ann noted that Mr. Creato can apply for an abatement if he believes that he is entitled to an exemption once the actual FY14 tax bills are issued.

Ruth Meyer and Marilyn Scheerbaum have been in the office lately asking Jo-Ann to send them separate tax bills. Ms. Burnham sold her guest house to Marilyn Scheerbaum, but not the underlying land. The bill of sale is apparently unrecorded. Jo-Ann has found no subdivision plan showing a separate parcel. Ms. Meyer still owns the land. In 2013 she leased a portion of the parcel including an access easement to Ms. Scheerbaum for 29 years. The lease includes several conditions, one which is "payment of her proportionate share of personal property and real estate taxes associated with the Premises". The approximate location of the premises is marked on a 1997 septic plan which is part of the recorded document. In Jo-Ann's opinion there would not be a valid tax lien on the property should it be assessed separately to Ms. Scheerbaum as she does not own the land. The board agreed that separate tax bills should not be issued. A letter will be sent to both parties to inform them of this decision.

The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2013.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: