

EDGARTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING 10-22-2012

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

The meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM by the Chairman.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting were approved by Mr. Gowell and Mr. Mercier.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing at this time

PERSMISSION TO ABATE: After motion made and seconded, the Board voted to abate the uncollectible personal property for FY 2011- \$14.52.

The Board voted authorization for the principal assessor to electronically sign and submit forms on their behalf related to the FY2013 tax rate as entered in the DOR Gateway system.

At 4:10PM Mr. Mercier made a motion to go into executive session to discuss abatement applications and to conduct a hearing with a taxpayer. The Board voted to go back into regular session after the hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gowell and Mr. Belisle. Mr. Mercier aye, Mr. Gowell, aye and Mr. Belisle, aye.

At 4:40 PM the Board returned to regular session.

Jo-Ann gave the Board a memo that Ellen Hutchinson had prepared on the Verizon ATB cases. The value of telephone company personal property is determined by the Commissioner of Revenue and assessed by individual communities. Verizon appealed the Commissioner's value for FY2009 and thus filed against the Commissioner and each municipality with the Appellate Tax Board. After several years of litigation, it has been determined that a portion of the property assessed for FY2009 was not subject to taxation (Appeals Court decision). Verizon has asked Edgartown for an abatement of \$4,312.91 for 2009 plus interest, based on the most recent court actions. Verizon will withdraw other ATB petitions pertaining to FY2005 through FY2009 if an abatement is granted by the town. NOTE: Verizon has made the same request of most municipalities in Massachusetts.

After reports from Jo-Ann, the Board granted the following on 61A and 61B applications:

Approved:

James A Athearn-61A
Phyllis W. Aldrich-61B
Edgartown Golf Club-61B
MV Rod & Gun Club-61B
Vineyard Golf Club-61B
Gerald Jeffers-61B

Jo-Ann will get more information on the following applications:

Richard A Brown-61A
Knight Family Trust-61B
Welch & Forbes-61B

The Board signed the Cartographic agreement for tax mapping and GIS services for FY2013.

After motion made and seconded, the Board voted the following action on abatement applications:

Jeffrey & Maryann Clutterbuck (29A-7) RE Abate \$52,500 from value
Peter Weisman, Trs. (29A-8.2) RE Abate \$44,400 from value

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: