

Present: Michael Colaneri, Stan Richards, Cynthia Mitchell

Also present: Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Stephen Ferreria

1. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approved the minutes of 05/29/2007.
2. Steve Ferreira was present to review proposed valuation changes for the board members. The board noted Steve's 6/1/2007 letter (received only this past Monday), which was a brief progress report. Steve presented another status report (letter dated 6/5/2007) and some attached documentation and explained the changes that are being recommended. He went over the letter in detail, explaining the statistical reports and describing the level of assessments at the start of the project and what the results of the recommended changes will be. He talked about various neighborhood changes, several high value sales, both in and outside of West Tisbury, and changes that the Department of Revenue has asked for. The board also asked about the wetlands issue. It was decided to go forward with the previously discussed plan to use topo adjustments rather than a set value per acre for wetland areas. Using a single methodology will be more satisfactory to the DOR. At the conclusion of the discussion the board voted to give preliminary approval to the proposed changes as outlined in the 6/5/2007 letter.
3. Jo-Ann informed the board that she would be leaving West Tisbury in mid-July, as she has accepted the position of assessor/appraiser in Edgartown. The board accepted her resignation with regret. There was a discussion of advertising for a principal assessor. Ads will run in the local papers and be posted on both the MAAO and MMA websites. Experience is a key requirement. Paul Asher, who was the contract assessor in Oak Bluffs a few years ago, has indicated his willingness to help out on an interim basis if the board so chooses.
4. The following abatement and exemption applications were acted on:

Robert Doane, parcel 31-48 - abatement denied
David & Sheila Franklin, parcel 12-41.1 - exemption denied, CPA exemption approved
5. The following were signed:

Certified Abutters Lists: Walter Rutkiewicz, parcel 30-7; Peter Standish, parcel 11-124;
Jerome Kenney, parcle 26-12.4; David C. Blackman-Tr., parcel 29-53
Letters to Supervisor of Public Records - permission to dispose of records
Agreement for Settlement - Gerald King, parcel 15-31.6 FY2007 (data error correction)
Warrant to Collector: Omitted Property FY2007
Omitted & Revised Assessment Report FY2007
M. V. Excise Abatement Certificates # 06142007001 - 06142007007
R. E. Abatement/Exemption Notices (see above)
Bills & Payroll

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor
Approved: