

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE - ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
Town Hall, November 4, 1999

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM by
Chairperson, Alberta Romano.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Romano, Mrs. Lina Berry, Ms. Parmakian, Mr. Rick
Blanchette

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jack Kosko, Mr. Louis Cervantes

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff: Mr. Dana Faris, Principal Assessor; Mr. John
Warner, Assessing Department Clerk

MINUTES:

Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 1999 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS: There were no public statements.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Faris reported on the following recent correspondence sent or received by the Assessors' Office:

1. A letter from Mr. Faris to Barbara Dakin of the Department of Revenue submitting the Town's Pro Forma Recap sheet for FY 2000.
2. A letter from Mr. Faris regarding the FY 1998 and FY1999 assessments for unit #1 Edgewater CD.
3. A letter from Mr. Faris to Maria Burks, Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore commending two members of her staff who escorted the Truro assessor and him on a tour of the dune shacks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Appellate Tax Board Cases Update:** Mr. Faris reported on the following Appellate Tax Board cases: Audette, Rosemary, White Dory Bay CD #12. The decision is for the appellee.

- **Clause 58, Section 8 Abatements:** There were no cases to update for this period.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements: Mr. Warner reported on the following applications for abatement and recommended that they be granted:

- Fully abate three (3) bills for 1999 which were issued in error.
- Partially abate nine (9) bills for 1999 due to sales of vehicles.

Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Ms. Parmakian, to accept Mr. Warner's recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Boat Excise Tax Abatements: Mr. Warner reported on the following applications for abatement and recommended that they be granted:

- Fully abate one (1) bill for 1999 which was issued in error.

Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, to accept Mr. Warner's recommendation.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

Preliminary Tax Bills:

Mr. Faris reported that the Town has received authority from the Department of Revenue to issue preliminary tax bills for FY 2000.

Charitable Exemption: Mr. Faris reported that he had received an inquiry regarding the charitable status of the Provincetown Tennis Club. Citing an Appellate Tax Board decision in the case of *Marshfield Rod & Reel vs. Board of Assessors of Marshfield* where the Board found that the organization was not performing a charitable function but rather that it was functioning more as a social club, Mr. Faris asked whether the Board wished to review the status of the Provincetown Tennis Club. Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, to have Mr. Faris request documentation from the Provincetown Tennis Club relating to the use of the property. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Assessing Team and Office News:

Mr. Faris reported that Mr. Kosko had called him regarding the time of regularly scheduled Board meetings. After discussion, the Board decided to schedule future meetings at 9:30AM.

- **Future Meeting Dates:** There will be a meeting of the Board of Assessors on **Thursday, January 6, 2000 at 9:30AM.**

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Blanchette moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lina Berry, Clerk

Dana Faris, Principal Assessor

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