

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE - ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
Town Hall, February 15, 2000

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairperson Alberta Romano.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Pam Parmakian

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2000 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

Provincetown Tennis Club: Ms. Rachel Crosby and Mr. Eric Dray of the Provincetown Tennis Club were present to gain insight into the Board's decision relating to the loss of the Club's charitable exemption under Ch.59, § 5. The Board decided to have Mr. Faris submit findings and request a written opinion from the Department of Revenue.

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

1. A letter from Mr. Faris to Harold W. Paige, former owner of 61 Pleasant St., concerning a personal property tax bill he received.
2. A letter from Mr. Faris to Jim Pipilas, Executive Director of the Provincetown AIDS Support Group regarding timely filing of Form 3ABC.
3. Two items from the United States Bankruptcy Court regarding the property located at 4 Kiley Court.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appellate Tax Board Cases Update: There were no cases to update for this period.

- **Clause 58, Section 8 Abatements:** Mr. Faris presented the following abatement applications to the Board:

Warner, John C., #C1 Seashore Park CD. Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, to petition the Department of Revenue for authority to abate two personal property tax bills which were issued in error. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- 1 partial abatement resulting from a sale of a vehicles.

Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to follow Mr. Warner’s recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Boat Excise Tax Abatements: There were no applications to consider for this period.

Local Options:

1. Clause 17D Exemption- Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to draft an article for the town meeting warrant in support of increasing in this exemption corresponding to an increase in the cost of living. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
2. Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Payment Program- Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to draft an article for the town meeting warrant to ask that the funding for this program come out of the overlay fund rather than the Council on Aging budget. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

Assessing Team and Office News: There was no assessing team or office news that was not fully covered elsewhere in the minutes.

- **Future Meeting Dates:** There will be a meeting of the Board of Assessors on Thursday, **March 16, 2000 at 9:30 AM.**

- **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Blanchette moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lina Berry, Clerk

Dana Faris, Principal Assessor

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