

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE - ASSESSORS' OFFICE

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Town Hall, September 30, 1999

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CALL TO ORDER:The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairperson, Alberta Romano.

MEMBERS PRESENT:Ms. Romano, Mrs. Lina Berry, Mr. Jack Kosko
Mr. Cervantes, Ms. Parmakian

MEMBERS ABSENT:Mr. Rick Blanchette

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Ms. Romano, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 1999 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:There were no public statements.

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

1. An invoice from Mr. Warner to Russell Sanderson accompanying copies of assessing department data.
2. An invoice from Mr. Faris to Conrad Malicoat relating to research on the value of a parcel of property he owns.
3. A copy of a piece which appeared in the Cape Cod Times relating to median house prices on the Cape.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appellate Tax Board Cases Update:Mr. Faris reported on the following Appellate Tax Board cases:

1. La Palme, Paula A., #10 Bay Shore CD. A decision was rendered for the appellee.
2. Hoffman, Susan A., #2 Town Center CD. A decision was rendered for the appellant. Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, to abate the assessed value to \$49,500 in accordance with the ATB ruling. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
3. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., 32 Conwell St. Mr. Faris reported that he had received the signed withdrawal forms for each of the pending FY'97, 98, 99 cases.
 - Mr. Cervantes moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to abate the FY'97 value to \$575,000 in accordance with the settlement agreement. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
 - Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Ms. Parmakian, to abate the FY'98 value to \$575,000 in accordance with the settlement agreement. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
 - Ms. Parmakian moved, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, to abate the FY'99 value to \$575,000 in accordance with the settlement agreement. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

1. Mahoney, Arthur L. Motor Vehicle Excise Bill #94-9004. Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, to petition the Department of Revenue for authority to abate the aforementioned bill in full. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements:There were no applications for abatement to consider for the period.

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

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

County Tax/Environmental Protection Tax Funds:

Mr. Cervantes made a motion that the Board commit to the Tax Collector the County Tax in the amount of \$67,343 and the Environmental Fund Tax in the amount of \$57,812. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Utilities' New Growth & Personal Property: Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to send a letter to DOR accepting Commonwealth Electric Co.'s values for personal property and new growth for FY 2000. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Revaluation Update:

Mr. Faris reported that he is currently making adjustments to the condominium model and will have additional information for the Board for its next meeting.

Classification Hearing:

Mr. Faris reported that the Board of Selectmen will hold the annual classification hearing on October 12, 1999 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to reconsider the Board's recommendations to the Board of Selectmen relating to three classification questions.

1. Tax Rate Split between Commercial & Residential properties: Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not split the tax rate. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
 2. Residential Exemption: Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not vote to adopt a residential exemption. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
 3. Small Commercial Exemption: Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Ms. Parmakian, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not adopt a small commercial exemption. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- Ms. Romano asked that Board members receive copies of all information sent to the Board of Selectmen relating to the classification and valuation of property.

Assessing Team and Office News:

1. Ms. Romano welcomed Pam Parmakian as a new member of the Board. Ms. Parmakian began a term as a regular Board member which will expire December 31, 2001.
2. Mr. Cervantes informed the Board that he will be away until April 2000.

Future Meeting Dates: There will be a meeting of the Board of Assessors on **Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 9:00 AM.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Cervantes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 AM and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lina Berry, Clerk
Dana Faris, Principal Assessor