

MINUTES
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
DATE: Wednesday, July 11, 2018
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: 51 Spring Street

Meeting started at 3:14 PM with Board members Cynthia Richard, Roy Cutrer, Angela Cywinski, Assistant Assessor Ann Marie Cywinski, and Administrative Secretary Meghan Montesion present.

Assistant Assessor reviewed the end of the fiscal year 2018, financial report with the board members.

BILLS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Bills for the fiscal year 2018
Ann Marie Cywinski \$184.19
Alycelee Pigman 6/23/18 Mileage \$6.10
Amazon Camera Case \$11.99
Ann Marie Cywinski Petty Cash 4/13/18 \$14.84
Bills for the fiscal year 2019
BCAA 7/13/18 \$35.00
CAI Technologies 7/2/18 \$600.00
Vision Government Services 7/1/18 \$4,000.00
MAAO Annual School/Pigman \$180.25

APPOINTMENT(S):

The board voted (3-0-0) to appoint Ms. Cynthia Richard to the Town Cabinet for the fiscal year 2019
The board voted (3-0-0) to appoint Ms. Angela Cywinski to the Town Advisory Board for MVLB, for fiscal year 2019.

Members discussed additional properties being purchased in the future and the effect on the tax base. The members asked that Ms. Angela Cywinski present those concerns to the Town Advisory Board for MVLB.

APPELLATE TAX BOARD:

The property owners of 57A 6.12 requested a meeting with the Board of Assessors concerning their FY 2015 appellate tax board appeal. The Board members inquired if they provided any new information supporting the appeal. The Assistant Assessor said they did not. The board unanimously denied their request.

ABUTTERS LIST: Board certified the following:

Marian Lipke 4A 6
Peter Lodi/Simone DeSorcy 7D 11
Eversource/Roman Catholic Bishop Fall River 7J 1

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:

Board members reviewed the following charitable organizations and made the following decisions:

Personal Property

Assistant Assessor shared the following information requested and supplied by Friends of MVY.
As of February 9, 2013 Friends of MVY Radio operates a non-profit radio station.
The program is totally funded by donations and business sponsors.
Information via the Vineyard Current program, they have been able to illuminate voices and issues of a number of local minority communities.
Community outreach Person of the Week highlights, After Prom Party, MVY Youth Music Series.

Members discussed whether the organization met the statutory requirements of MGL. Chair Cywinski and Member Richard stated the organization is really a business, therefore, does not qualify for exempt status. Member Cutrer stated that their decision is based on an opinion. The organization should be allowed to have a hearing with the Board.

Member Cutrer made a motion that any organization that has timely filed documentation as a non-profit organization prior to be added back onto the tax rolls deserves a hearing with the board.

Chair Cywinski seconded the motion as presented. Chair asked for any further discussion. Chair Cywinski and Cynthia Richard informed Mr. Cutrer that the organizations have the ability to appeal and request a hearing at the time of the appeal.

Assistant Assessor stated that if the Board was to meet with the organizations an appeal may not be warranted. If the board found that the organization was deemed exempt, the abatement would come from overlay which is raised through the tax rate.

Chair Cywinski called for a vote on the motion as stated. Roy Cutrer in favor, Angela Cywinski and Cynthia Richard opposed

Chair Cywinski, made a motion to add Friends of MVY radio to the fiscal year 2019 assessment. Member Richard seconded the motion. The vote was Angela Cywinski and Cynthia H. Richard for and Roy Cutrer opposed.

Real Estate:

Friends of Family Planning 39B 2.51, Granted exemption
Island Grown Initiative 45A 1 & 1.11, Denied pending appellate tax board case of the fiscal year 2018.
Island Housing Trust Various, No action taken
Martha's Vineyard Cerebral Palsy Camp 25A 1.11, 2, 3 & 25B 2, Granted exemption
Martha's Vineyard Community Services 6B 8, 9B 9, Granted exemption
Martha's Vineyard Hospital 12B 10.7, 20A 3 & 4H 1, Granted exemption on 12B 10.7 only. Other parcels will be addressed for the fiscal year 2020
Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust 7C 3, Granted exemption
Mary P Wakeman Center Tr 64A 5.4, Granted exemption
Nature Conservancy 63A 1, 64A 4, Granted exemption
Seven Hills Community Services Inc. 8D 11, Tabled awaiting additional confirmation of residential use of the building. Building under construction previously.
Sheriffs Meadow Foundation Various, Granted exemption
Trustees of Reservations 40A 1.1, 1.2, Granted partial exemption for office location, residential area to be Assessed.
Vineyard Conservation Society 55A 9.1, 56A 1, Granted exemption
Vineyard Haven Tennis Foundation 27A 31.2, Denied
Vineyard House 22A 5, Granted exemption
Vineyard Open Land Foundation 64A 5, Granted exemption
Vineyard Playhouse Co. Inc. 7G 2, Denied, additional documentation requested not received as of this date.
Island Elderly Housing – Payment in Lieu of Taxation agreement in place Board of Assessors has requested that the agreement and charitable exemption status be reviewed by town counsel for a final determination of eligibility based on recent appellate tax board cases.

RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION APPLICATION(S):

Stephen Moore 20A 35, Denied

VESSEL EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION(S):

The fiscal Year 2018 BE 18-03 \$177.25, Granted

VESSEL EXCISE ABATEMENT RECORD SHEET(S): Signed and submitted to Tax Collector

Fiscal Year 2018 BE 18-03 \$177.25

PERSONAL PROPERTY UNCOLLECTIBLE:

Fiscal Year 2018 \$113.76, Granted

MINUTES TO SIGN:

May 29, 2018, Board motioned seconded and carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

June 12, 2018, No action taken

Date of next board meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, was discussed and noted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm

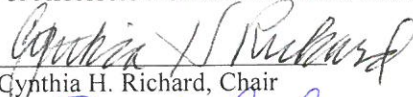
Respectfully submitted: Ann Marie Cywinski, MAA

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The Board of Assessors motioned seconded and carried to accept the meeting minutes as presented.

Approval: 
Cynthia H. Richard, Chair

Approval: 
Roy Cutrer, Member

Approval: _____
Angela A. Cywinski, Clerk

Date: 11/3/19