

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE - ASSESSORS' OFFICE

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Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING
Town Hall, July 15, 1999

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Louis Cervantes, Mr. Rick Blanchette

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

MINUTES:

Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 1999 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

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 memo from Mr. Faris to Stephan Nofield, Town Clerk, informing him of the Board's appointment of Mary Joy Mc Nulty to the Board of Assessors.
2. A memo to all town departments from Keith Bergman, Town Manager, regarding the results of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Survey of the Cape End Manor.
3. A letter to Mr. Faris from Paul M. Flynn, Senior Vice President Cole, Layer, Trumble Co. regarding the cost for the upgrade of the assessing department's costing software.
4. A memo from Mr. Faris to Kenneth Learned, Director of Municipal Finance outlining the criteria for determining the amount of a residential exemption.
5. A letter to Mr. Faris from Paul S Kapinos & Associates regarding the cost of consulting services for the FY 2000 re-certification.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

1. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., 32 Conwell St. Based on a July 2, 1999 sale price of this property for \$575,000, Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to offer a settlement for the FY'97, 98, & 99 pending cases in the amount of the sale price. The motion carried by a vote of 2-1.

Mr. Faris also presented the Board with comparable sales information for one of the pending cases relating to the *Town Center* and *Bay Shore* condominiums.

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

1. Ortiz, Gary M. Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry, to petition the Department of Revenue for authority to abate a 1998 motor vehicle excise tax bill which was returned as uncollectible by the Deputy Tax Collector. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Partially abate twelve (12) bills for 1999 due to sales or trades of vehicles.
- Fully abate two bills from 1999 which was issued in error.

Mrs. Berry moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to accept Mr. Warner's recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

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

- Fully abate eight (8) bills for FY'99 which were issued in error.

Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mrs. Berry to accept Mr. Warner's recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

Assessing Team and Office News: There was no other 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, August 26, 1999 at 9:00 AM.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Kosko moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:12 AM and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Lina Berry, Clerk

Dana Faris, Principal Assessor

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