

Board of Assessors, October 2, 2018

Present: Michael Colaneri, Richard Cohen, Maria McFarland

Also present: D Barnes

Meeting convened at 4:30 P.M.

- 1.) The Board approved the minutes of May 29, 2018.

Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-abstain

The Board approved the minutes of September 11, 2018.

Michael Colaneri-yes; Maria McFarland-yes; Richard Cohen-abstain

- 2.) The Board approved the abutter list report.

Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

- 3.) Old/New Business

The principal assessor reminded the Board to be aware and vigilant for bogus email after the virus that hit the town computer. The Board was reminded to not open attachments that may appear to be sent by town employees.

The Board unanimously **approved** application for chapter land for fiscal year 2020 for the following:

CHAPTER 61A & 61B

Seven Gates Farm Corp.	14-10
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CHAPTER 61B

Magid	30-11-1
Schley	38-3-1
Silva-Spalding	35-6-14
Vineyard Meadow LLC	9-4 & 9-1-1

CHAPTER 61A

Andre	31-16
Athearn	31-68-2 & 31-68-3
Bird	32-34 & 32-36
Fischer	35-3-1
Hopkins	12-16 & 12-21-1 (new 2020)
Jackson	9-5
Silva	35-6-17
Three Field Farm LLC	8-1 & 10-194

The Board voted to **deny** fiscal year 2020 application for Chapter 61A for map 11 lot 111, 343 State Road owned by Patricia Rae Peters. The application received is incomplete. The property requested for classification has an inadequate amount of actively devoted land to qualify.

Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

No motor vehicle abatements to review

New Business—

Michael Colaneri requested the Board consider the office creating a letter to all charitable organizations asking them to make a voluntary payment in lieu of taxes on a yearly basis. The principal assessor was asked to reach out to other communities to find out if similar requests have been made to charitable entities in the state. Maria and Dawn will work on a draft letter.

Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

Michael Colaneri discussed the possibility of supporting and encouraging the town to consider future housing allowances to be part of the employee compensation plan. Michael gave multiple examples of other employers aiding their employees with long term housing solutions. i.e. the airport manager receiving an \$1100, monthly housing allowance or the MVC recent assistance in their director's single family house purchase of \$750,000. Michael encouraged the Board to unite and promote this idea to the Personnel Board and Board of Selectmen. No action was immediately taken but the Board does remain open to additional suggestions on how to move forward with this suggestion.

- 4.) The Board voted to enter into executive session in order to discuss the value of property (6) and/or litigation (3). The Board will not return to open session. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Barnes, Principal Assessor, MAA

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Colaneri", followed by the letters "OR" in a larger, more stylized font.