

Board of Assessors, July 12, 2017

Present: Michael Colaneri, Richard Cohen, and Maria McFarland

Also present: Dawn Barnes

Meeting convened at 10:15 A.M.

- 1.) The Board voted to approve the amended minutes of June 28, 2017. Unanimous.  
Michael Colaneri-yes; Maria McFarland-yes; Richard Cohen—abstain
- 2.) There were no abutters list to approve.
- 3.) Old/new business

The Board reviewed the amended forest management plan, case #327-10612, Spalding-Silva Realty Trust, assessors map 35 lot 6.14. The amended plan is the final documents needed to fulfil the contingences set forth in the fiscal year 2018 vote to allow chapter 61B tax status, taken May 2, 2017. The Board voted to accept the amendments of the forest management plan. Unanimous.

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

The Board discussed MV Times news article “Town of Aquinnah scores state funds”. The article details grant monies received after the new incoming elected assessor, Adam Wilson, along with Adam Turner of the MVC applied to the Department of Revenue. The money is “to study the possibility of regionalizing property assessing on Martha’s Vineyard”. The article was brought to Ms. Barnes’ attention through an inquiry from Aquinnah’s principal assessors questioning if any other board had been contacted regarding this study. The article expresses Mr. Wilson’s interest in “getting the ball rolling” based on a decade old DOR recommendation. Language regarding the revaluation and RFP processes are also inaccurately reported on. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the Town of Aquinnah’s Board of Assessors and MVC expressing the disappointment of coordination and courtesy to include every official that has experience in the field allowing input of the issue island wide.

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

The end of fiscal year 2017 expense budget was discussed. Of the budgeted amount, \$55,260, a total of \$27,450.65 will be returned to the general fund. It has been noted that account #5240 budgeted \$5,710 will be returned in full. These services were part of the contracted services allowed within the conversion of the data base. Without these amount or the legal line the actual expenses returned amount to \$2,074.40 because the PA did not attend UMASS educational conferences this fiscal year.

- 4.) The Board voted to enter into executive session in order to discuss the valuation of property (6) and/or litigation (3). The Board will not return to open session. Unanimous.  
Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

The next board meeting will be held August 22, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
D Barnes, Principal Assessor, MAA

Approved:



8-22-2017