

Board of Assessors, March 6, 2018

Present: Michael Colaneri, Richard Cohen, Maria McFarland

Also present: D Barnes

Meeting convened at 4:30P.M.

- 1.) The Board voted to approve the minutes of February 20, 2018. Unanimous.
Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes
- 2.) No abutters list to review
- 3.) Old/New Business:

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements:

The Board **voted to deny** an application from JP Morgan Chase Bank motor vehicle excise for calendar year 2015. JP Morgan submitted one application for 25 bills requesting abatement of interest and demand fees.

Tax Bill Numbers

1958 through 1976

4526 through 4529

4696 and 4697

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

The Board approved the monthly 2018 motor vehicle abatements and report in the amount of \$965.94. Unanimous.

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

2018 Exemptions:

The Board voted to approve 2018 exemption applications and monthly reports totaling \$1,471.70 for real estate and CPA surcharge for the following:

Alley	10-19-2	41C
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Franklin	21-41-1	17D & CPA
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Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

The Board discussed a letter from Adam Wilson as Chairman of the Aquinnah's Best Practice Committee but signed as a member of the Aquinnah Board of Assessors. Maria gave copies of the following documents for the Board to review: Division of Local Services Regionalization Statutes, Informational guideline release #81-402, a portion of the financial management review report from Division of Local Services dated March 2006, and a July 2017 MV times article entitled "Polito visit spotlights compact funds awarded to Aquinnah". Dawn was asked to find out how the other towns are handling this request. It was agreed that even if the Board doesn't agree with regionalization a board member should be appointed to the committee.

Ms. Barnes will get back to the Board with answers. Edgartown and Tisbury have this item on their agendas later this week. Oak Bluffs is currently on vacation. Chilmark has definite interest in having their point of view. Aquinnah's office and Board to spite the fact they should be included in this process has NOT received a letter from Mr. Wilson acting on behalf of another committee and appointed by their Board of Selectmen. The Board will revisit this at its next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
D Barnes, Principal Assessor, MAA

Approved:

Michael Wilson
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