

Board of Assessors, November 10, 2020  
Present: Michael Colaneri, Richard Cohen, Maria McFarland  
Also present: D Barnes

Meeting held on ZOOM—

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Meeting convened at 4:45 PM.

- 1.) The Board approved the minutes of October 20, 2020.  
Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes
- 2.) No abutter listing for this meeting.
- 3.) Old/new business  
The Board approved 2020 motor vehicle excise applications for abatement and supporting monthly report in the amount of \$746.83.  
Michael Colaneri-yes; Richard Cohen-yes; Maria McFarland-yes

**2021 Tax Rate process**

After review of the OL-1 changes for fiscal year 2021 the board approved the documents for submission in the Gateway system.

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

The Board approved the presentation to be used November 18, 2020 for the Board of Selectmen's 2021 classification hearing.

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

The Board discussed the residential exemption in length. Michael Colaneri continues to be a strong advocate of the residential exemption. Michael requests the Assessors recommend to the Selectmen participate in anything necessary to build understanding of an allowance of this vote for fiscal year 2022.

Up-front expenses and preparation time was discussed to allow the community to be prepared to process this exemption if granted by the Selectmen in the next fiscal year. A concern of the expense necessary to implement this exemption while in the unknown economic environment of the pandemic was addressed. Additional concerns of the decision to implement this study in 2022 while training a new employee and keeping on track for valuation requirements was discussed.


The Board agreed to recommend the Selectmen investigate further into the community's possible interest in this exemption.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
D Barnes, Principal Assessor, MAA

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Colaneri", is written over the word "Approved". Above the signature, there is a small, stylized circular mark or stamp.