

PRESENT: Alan Gowell, chairman of the Board; Donna L. Goodale, member of the Board; Christopher Scott, member of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Cindy Sherman, Administrative Assistant; Ed Pierce, Data Collector; Julie Scott; Mark Defeo

The chairman brought the meeting to order at 10:05am.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of 01/27/2020

The Board discussed January sales.

Julie Scott and Mark Defeo returned to finish the discussion with the board about the Slough Farm Foundation's charitable activities. Alan asked Julie who is able to use the space and she explained only certain people that the farm has connections with. The farm does not allow the general public to hold functions on the property. Julie also explained that they are now offering the surrounding neighbors the opportunity to purchase produce from the farm. Donna asked how Edgartown benefits from the farm. Julie replied that the school receives produce, eggs and meat and the Edgartown School has taken field trips to the farm. Julie also explained that other Island schools are taking field trips to the farm as well. Alan asked what Lisa Randall's roll in the organization is and Julie explained she is the manager of buildings and staff she also is the middleman when the family wants to use the house. Julie also let the board know that Terry's son Steve is the one who approves the different organizations' use of the facility.

Alan and Jo-Ann had spoken with Attorney Ellen Hutchinson yesterday about all the activities that Slough Farm offered and whether they met the criteria for a charitable exemption. Ellen's opinion is that the activities as described did not.

Jo-Ann let the board know that she had spoken with Pat Donovan from Vision Appraisal on the cost of doing an interim review of commercial properties and he explained the cost would be about \$15,000.00. Jo-Ann felt that the cost was too high and, as it was too late anyway for this year, she recommended not to proceed with it this year. The board agreed.

The Board voted to go into executive session to review abatement applications and to return to the regular meeting: Ms. Goodale - yes, Mr. Gowell – yes, Mr. Scott-yes. Executive session began at 11:47 am and the board returned to regular session at 12:00 pm.

The Board acted on the following real estate abatement applications:

Kenneth Cotterill	Parcel 21-129.131	Denied
Susan C Drop—Trs	Parcel 52-26.63	Abated \$5,105.19

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020 at 10:30 am.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted: