

PRESENT: Alan Gowell, Chairman of the Board; Donna L. Goodale and Laurence A Mercier, members of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Chris Scott, taxpayer; and (by conference call) Michael Kutsch, taxpayer

The Chairman brought the meeting to order at 2:45 PM.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the 3-12-2018 meeting was deferred to the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion in regard to the board's prior decision to ask Adam Turner to attend today's meeting. Jo-Ann spoke with Mr. Turner after last week's meeting and it appears he does not know a great deal about the grant that Adam Wilson received for exploring the possibility of regionalizing assessing. He would be happy to meet with the board but does not feel he could add much at this point. He could act as a liaison between Mr. Wilson and the assessors if that seems desirable. Jo-Ann contacted the assessors late last week and relayed this information and it was decided to hold off on a meeting for now.

Roundabout Holdings: Donna needs a bit more time to review their documents regarding title. Jo-Ann will convey that to the owner's representative.

At 3:00 p.m. Michael Kutsch called to speak with the board about his application for abatement. Alan introduced the board and then asked if Mr. Kutsch objected to an open session meeting. Mr. Kutsch had no objections. Alan asked Mr Kutsch to explain his concerns and opinions. Mr. Kutsch spoke about the three properties near him whose assessments did not go up by the same percentage as his did. He asked about the differences in per square foot pricing on the land. Jo-Ann explained the land curve and the economies of scale, i.e. that smaller lots sell at a higher per square foot price than larger lots. Mr. Kutsch focused on the Smith property as having more land and a water view. He then asked about the differences in per square foot costs for buildings. Alan spoke about differences in quality of construction and age and styles of buildings. Alan asked Mr. Kutsch if we could get in to the house to review its condition and amenities. Mr. Kutsch felt that was not necessary, but he would allow it. (NOTE: Mr. Kutsch sent a follow up email the day after the meeting that he had thought about it and decided we would not be allowed in the house.) There was a brief discussion of the FY2018 reval. Mr. Kutsch said that he believes that the assessments are too subjective and inequitable, and speculated that it was not only his neighborhood that had those issues. The call concluded at about 3:20 p.m.

Review of 3ABC filings for FY2019 was postponed.

January and February sales were reviewed and it was noted that all but two properties sold for more than their assessed values.

At 3:45 p.m. the board voted to go into executive session to discuss abatement and exemption applications and to return to open session following. Mr. Gowell, yes; Ms. Goodale, yes; Mr. Mercier, yes.

The open session resumed at about 4:00 p.m., and the board denied two abatement applications and approved the following:

OWNER	PARCEL	ABATED FROM VALUE
Weisman, Peter	29A-8.2	\$6000.00
Haigazian, Rosemarie	21-36.33	\$82,700
Slate, Nancy H.	30-211	\$19,100
Drogin, Shirley F.	29-16	\$18,000
Engelman, Ross M.—TR	40-1.29	\$374,700

The board approved two exemption applications:

Robert Gilkes - Cl. 18

Richard D. Hamilton, Jr. – Clause 41C

The next meeting will be posted for April 9, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: