



Town of West Tisbury

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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August 18, 2026

Open Session Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Michael Colaneri (Chair), Maria McFarland

Members Absent: Lawrence Schubert

Also Present: MacGregor Anderson (Principal Assessor), Cate Alexander

The meeting convened at 4:30PM.

All votes were roll call votes due to the remote nature of the meeting.

Minutes 8/4/26

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026, meeting as written:

McFarland yes, Colaneri yes.

Abutters Lists

The Board certified the abutters lists: McFarland yes, Colaneri yes.

Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements - \$752.64

2025-\$166.91

2026-\$585.73

A motion was made and seconded to approve the abatements as presented: McFarland yes, Colaneri yes.

Accounts Payable Warrants

A motion was made and seconded to approve the AP Warrant in the amount of \$400: McFarland yes, Colaneri yes.

Cyclicals Update

Mr. Anderson said that staff are hitting pace on inspections but not where he wants to be. There were 745 cyclicals to be done, 114 of which have been completed. We will finish half by the end of November if staff can get the pace up to 20 a week. Ms. Nevin continues to be unable to be out in the field

collecting data. Mr. Colaneri said that the pace is consistent with what Mr. Anderson said a month ago but not what was said 2-3 months ago. Mr. Anderson said that 3 months ago he could not have known that a data collector would not be able to collect data for an unpredictable amount of time. Mr. Colaneri said that the cyclical inspections were long overdue and acknowledged the high number of overdue inspections from previous years combined with unforeseen staffing circumstances.

Items not anticipated by the Chair

Stillpoint: Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the written decision on the Stillpoint/Appellate Tax Board (ABT) matter has not been released.

Sales: Mr. Colaneri said that the Board used to review sales frequently and asked to have the Board return to reviewing sales during meetings. Mr. Anderson said he could provide a monthly Assessment to Sales Ratio (ASR) report. Mr. Anderson said he reviews sales and the overall market. Mr. Anderson said the West Tisbury market has been unusually slow in 2026 in comparison to other towns.

Mr. Colaneri suggested seeking legal advice from KP law as to what information the department can obtain as part of the Board's due diligence regarding tax exempt properties. Mr. Anderson said that asking Counsel this would not be a good use of legal funds, given the large tax levy increase. Mr. Anderson said that the Assessor's Office was following Department of Revenue requirements for tax exempt properties and that the Form ABC review was scheduled for the next meeting. Ms. McFarland said that she did not see the need for legal guidance at this time. Mr. Anderson said that a more detailed review would require additional information regarding the use and activities of the properties and would not be feasible until FY2029 due in part to the backlog of cyclical from previous years. Mr. Colaneri said that he believed the potential financial impact warranted further consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Catherine Alexander

Approved: 10/29/26

Assistant Assessor/Data Collector