

3. Explain how other Town employees and officials, if any, were compensated for the use of personal vehicles for Town benefit in the 2006-2007 budget year.

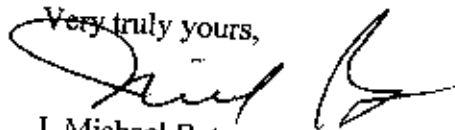
*Chief Assessor James Clynes was reimbursed under the same car allowance method used for the Mayor's vehicle. This was put into effect when the Town administration recalled the Assessor's town vehicle. It resulted in a change of working conditions which needed to be negotiated in accordance with the Supervisors Union contract. The recall was a policy that resulted in 13 town owned "take home" vehicles being installed into the fleet pool for daytime only municipal use.*

4. Discuss precedents for the allocation of the car allowance to the selected accounts.

*There is no recent history of car allowance activity. We do know that Mayor Harris was given a car allowance during his tenure as Mayor, although we do not know which budgetary line item or items were in effect or used for that purpose at the time. We also note that in the Town's Policy and Procedures manual there is reference to a specific procedure for a payment method for car allowances, among other activities. This confirms that at some time prior to 1988, car allowances were in use (see attached). Accounts were chosen that best reflected the actual cost components of the operation of an automobile.*

The intent of processing a car allowance in this instance was to reimburse the Mayor administratively for his every day use of his vehicle in lieu of his exclusive use of a town owned vehicle.

Very truly yours,



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