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Freetown Board of Assessors
Minutes of Monday, September 18, 2023
Virtual Meeting – Zoom.us

Present: Jeff Field, Mike Motta, and Paul Sadeck were present via Zoom.

Absent: None.

Guests: Deb Pettey, Town Administrator

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Mr. Sadeck.
All votes taken during this meeting were by roll call.

Approval of Minutes

No items were taken up under this heading.

Old Business

Board members were reminded of the discussion at the previous meeting regarding increasing the asset limits under Clause 41C. A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to confirm submitting an article for the October special town meeting to increase the asset limits to the maximum of \$40,000.00 for a single person and \$55,000.00 for a married couple. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- ♦ The Assistant Assessor explained that another warrant article had been submitted as the result of a solar company requesting a PILOT agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Motta, seconded by Mr. Field, to confirm and leave the article on the warrant. The motion carried unanimously.
- ♦ Ms. Pettey discussed the current status of the floating clerk, Nikki DeMoranville, with the board. This department has not been busy, and the floating clerk has not had opportunity to experience many of the even routine tasks carried out in the office. At the same time, there is a greater need for clerical help upstairs. Ms. Pettey would like to have Miss DeMoranville remain upstairs until the workload in the Assessors' office picks up.

Mr. Field asked about office coverage between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Ms. Pettey said a sign could be posted saying a clerk is available upstairs, but the foot traffic in the mornings does not warrant paying someone to be present every day for those two hours. The Assistant Assessor added that this was the same with the previous two clerks.

The board members stressed the need to have a second, trained person in the department.

- ♦ It was decided on consensus to return to a regular meeting schedule. Meetings will be the first and third Mondays of the month, at 5:15 p.m., held remotely.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

No items were taken up under this heading.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Motta, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____, Assistant Assessor