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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014
TIME: 5:30 PM

Members present included Sheila Scaduto, Suzanne Parker, Michael Motta as well as Karen Mello, Asst. Assessor.

In Open Session:

The Board reviewed and signed the payroll schedule for December, 2013 as well as a bill schedule.

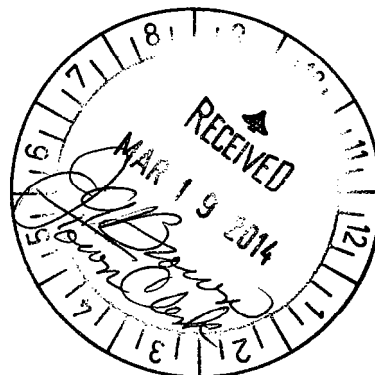
Having no other business in Open Session the chairman called for a motion to convene in Executive Session. Mike Motta made a motion to convene for the purpose of discussing documents relative to litigation scheduled for January 15, 2014. Suzanne Parker seconded the motion and by unanimous vote the Board began discussion and review of documents.

The Board convened in Executive Session and conducted their business. At the conclusion of the Executive Session portion of their meeting, they reconvened the Open Session portion of their meeting to ratify their vote to grant two abatements for FY14.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.



January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting (cont'd)

In Executive Session: Sheila produced documents that she intended to include as part of her Appellate Tax Board case of Craveiro v. Freetown FY13. The Board helped organize the materials and prepare three copies of the presentation for the Board to take to Boston. During this exercise, Mike Motta stated that due to scheduling conflicts, he would not be able to attend the hearing. Sheila and Suzanne agreed they could make the presentation despite his absence.

The Board then turned their attention to Fy14 abatement applications. Karen advised them that only 4 applications had been received so far. The Board looked over the list and pulled two applications that could be easily resolved. Those properties were:

10 Spencer Way, E. Freetown

5 High Plain St., Assonet.

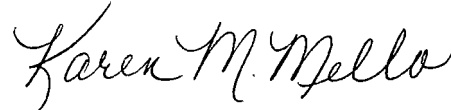
It was determined that both applications request abatement due to the fact that part of their assessment involved a legally permitted and approved In-law apartment. The Board noted that both properties met the qualifications regarding, ownership, size and occupancy per Freetown by-laws. They also noted that the amount of abatement was only against that portion of the dwelling that had been specifically constructed for use as an In-law apartment and that the abatement could be as much but not more than \$500.

Michael Motta made a motion to grant abatement of tax, not to exceed \$500. Suzanne Parker seconded the motion and by unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Once Executive Session discussion was closed and the meeting resumed Open Session, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

