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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015, 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Sheila Scaduto, Chairman, Suzanne Parker and Michael Motta were all present. Karen Mello, Asst. Assr., was also present.

Open Session

The Board reviewed and signed several documents, including the staff payroll, Auto Excise abatement reports, a warrant and commitment for Roll-back tax and contracts between Cartographic Associates and the Town for FY 2016 Tax Map and Planning Map maintenance.

The Board heard a report from Karen Mello regarding an application for classification under Chapter 61B-Recreational Land for property located at 53 High St. The property, containing 22 acres of vacant land, meets all the criteria for the classification including ownership, acreage and usage. Karen M. showed the Board the "Acknowledgement of Rights and Obligations" that the owner read and signed and is fully aware that, if, at some future date, he decided to change the use of the land that the Town will re-capture 5 years of back-taxes. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of changing the classification and applying the discount that is prescribed by statute. Karen M. stated that she would notify the owner and prepare the lien to protect the Town's interest.

Finding that there was no more business to be handled on Open Session, Sheila Scaduto called for a motion and Suzanne Parker made a motion that the Board convene Executive Session for reason #6..."To consider.... the value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body" and Reason #7..."To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law... ". Abatement applications and the information they contain are not open to public inspection. With all members present, the vote was 3-0 in favor of convening Executive Session.

At the conclusion of Executive Session there were no votes regarding abatement applications to read into the public record and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.



Tuesday, March 10, 2015 (cont'd)

Executive Session

The Board reviewed the binders prepared by Karen M. which included a copy of each application, the current field card for the subject property, field cards for any property that the applicant identified as a comparable and in some cases, a map to clarify the locus. Some additional documentation was waiting for the members since the last meeting, and they incorporated them into their individual binders.

The Board was advised that certain applications were being reviewed by Paul Kapinos and he would let the Board know what his recommendations were.

Those applications include:	# 7	Copicut Rd.	Industrial Land
	# 8	Elm St.	Railroad easement
	#11	4-12 Crossroad Dr.	Commercial Plaza
	#14-19	Chace Rd.	Land-locked and Wetlands
	#20	Braley Rd.	Solar Facility
	#21	67 Chace Rd.	Solar Facility

The Board spent the rest of the evening reviewing the remaining applications, noting the comments made by the applicants and deciding which properties required inspections. No votes were taken to grant or deny any abatements.

The Board reviewed their personal schedules to determine availability for inspections and asked Karen to call taxpayers to schedule several in Assonet for March 24th.

Noting the time, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.