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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016, 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sheila Scaduto at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Ms. Scaduto, Suzanne Parker and Michael Motta. Also in attendance was Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

In Open Session, the Board reviewed and signed excise and personal property abatement reports and a payroll schedule. They also signed a Warrant and Commitment for FY2017 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes.

Sheila Scaduto told the Board that she had contacted the attorney representing the owner of property identified as 15 and 19 Bullock Rd., which is the subject of a pending Appellate Tax Board appeal. She described the discussion regarding probable wetlands and how their existence would limit the uses of the land and therefore, affect its value.

She told the Board that she and the attorney had agreed to discount the land value at 50% but could not agree to any further value reductions until and unless the taxpayer presented extensive soil tests, and wetland delineations. Sheila told the members that if the Board approved the abatement, the taxpayer had agreed to waive interest on the abatement as allowed by statute. She then asked the Board to ratify her agreement.

Suzanne Parker made a motion to ratify the settlement amount, which was seconded by Michael Motta. On a 3-0 vote, the motion carried to ratify the settlement value of \$100,000 and the tax reduction of \$1202.97.

With no other business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

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