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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017, 5:30 PM

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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 abatement reports as well as an exemption report.

Having no other business to conduct in Open Session, Chairman Sheila Scaduto called for a motion to convene in Executive Session under MGL c. 30A, Sec 21 for reasons allowed in Reason #6 ... 'to consider...the value of Real Estate where Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the town. Michael Motta made the motion, which was seconded by Sue Parker. On a roll call vote Michael voted Yes, Sue voted Yes and Sheila voted Yes. The motion passed. Sheila stated that the meeting would reconvene in Public Session only for the purpose of reading any decisions into the public record.

When the Board reconvened in Open Session the following decisions were announced:

PP-Atlantic Consulting	Business closed, property sold, clerical error – Abate \$11.25
PP-CITBank	Business was deemed a Corporation by Commonwealth of Mass and is therefore, exempt from PP tax. Abate \$274.80
PP-Assonet Nails & Waxing	Business closed, unable to locate – Abate \$147.05
RE-4 Clermont Way	In-law apartment with proper permits in place – Abate \$500.00
RE-38 Richmond Rd.	In-law apartment with proper permits in place – Abate \$500.00

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature of Karen M. Mello]*

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

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In Executive Session, Karen presented several abatement applications to the Board for consideration.

The first one was for a Personal Property Account. The bill had been returned by the Post Office as undeliverable.

Research showed that the property where the business had been located had recently been sold in June of 2016 and the owner of the business had relocated to a jurisdiction outside of Freetown but had made the first payment for the fiscal year while he was still living here.

Karen advised the Board that while the Real Estate account had been updated to reflect the new property owner, no one noticed the Personal Property account that should have been deleted. Sheila Scaduto called for a motion to grant the abatement of the unpaid quarters as a clerical error. Michael made such a motion. Sue seconded the motion to abate and with all three Assessors voting YES, the motion passed and an abatement of \$11.07 was granted.

The next application, submitted by CITBank N.A. included a report from the Massachusetts Corporations Book, designating CITBank as a domestic corporation. Under M.G.L. and DoR regulations, CITBank is therefore, exempt from certain personal property tax. Sheila Scaduto called for a motion to grant the abatement which was made by Michael Motta and seconded by Suzanne Parker. Sheila then called for a vote and with Michael voting Yes and Suzanne voting Yes and finally, Sheila voting Yes, the motion passed unanimously. The abatement granted amounted to \$274.80.

The final Personal Property abatement was for Assonet Nails & Waxing on S. Main St. The proprietor had been Jenny Trinnh Khuu. This bill was also returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Research indicated that the business closed and the owner left no forwarding address. The Board, acting on a motion made by Mike Motta and seconded by Sue Parker, voted unanimously in favor of granting the abatement in the amount of \$147.05.

The next two abatements were presented and reviewed together and decided by the same vote. One was a single family home located at 38 Richmond Rd. and the other was located at 4 Clermont Way. Both applications were due to an in-law addition which has the proper permits and is allowed by Freetown's zoning by-laws.

Karen advised the Board that both properties were considered in good standing by the Building Dept. who originally issues the permit; that a family member still resides in the units, according to the Town Clerk and that each qualifies for the abatement, in the maximum allowed.

Suzanne made the motion to grant both abatements. Michael seconded the motion. Sheila called for the vote and each of the three Assessors voted YES. Each property was granted an abatement of \$500, based on the size and value of the in-law addition.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen M. Mello".

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.