



## TOWN OF FREETOWN

### OFFICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015, 5:30 PM



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

#### Open Session

The Board reviewed and signed several documents, including the staff payroll, the board payroll, a Chapter 61A rollback warrant and commitment, and a bill schedule.

There was a brief discussion regarding the recent increase in persons using old box trailers as well as "Valtran" or "Pod" type storage containers as sheds on their properties. The concern is that no building permits are being issued, and some, if not all of these kinds of vehicles or storage containers is being taxed while properties that situate a normal shed on their property indeed file for a permit and are taxed on the structures. The question arose, were these on axes which would normally incur a registration, and an excise tax or if they were rented or leased from a vendor, is that vendor claiming them on their personal property FORM OF LIST disclosure? The discussion resulted in a suggestion that Karen Mello should check with the DOR and other towns to see how they handle such occurrences.

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. Michael Motta seconded the motion and on the vote of 3-0 in favor, the Executive Session convened. At the conclusion of Executive Session, the Board reconvened to read the decisions of the Board into the Open Session minutes.

The results are as follows:


Abatement #1	Map PP-South	Granted-Business Closed 12-31-13	Amount \$14.81
Abatement #2	Map 230 Lot 32	Granted-Accessory Apartment	Amount \$500
Abatement #3	Map 207 Lot 115	Granted-Accessory Apartment	Amount \$500

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Abatement #4	Map 245 Lot 32	Granted-Accessory Apartment	Amount \$500
Abatement #4	Map 248 Lot 103	Granted-Accessory Apartment	Amount \$500
Abatement #5	Map 246 Lot 32	Granted-Forestry Discount	Amount \$7,187.91
Abatement #6	Map 215 Lot 49	Granted-Exempt under 59/5/45	Amount \$4,538.70

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Mello". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.