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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019, 12:30 AM**

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Suzanne Parker at 12:30 AM. In attendance were Suzanne Parker and Michael Motta. Sheila Scaduto was absent due to illness. Also in attendance was Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.

In Open Session, the Board reviewed an offer to settle an Appellate Tax Board case covering multiple years regarding AT & T/TELEPORT Communications.

Utility values are set by the Commissioner of Revenue on behalf of each city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The thinking behind this methodology is that individual towns usually don't have personnel with expertise to certify the values submitted by the utility companies but the Dept. of Revenue does. While the suit was filed against the Commissioner, it includes the Town of Freetown as an appellee. Based on information discovered during this litigation it was determined that Teleport was entitled to \$5,881.25 abatement for overcharges.

Michael Motta made a motion to grant the abatement in the amount stated above. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Parker. Suzanne called the vote and each of the Assessors present voted in favor of granting the abatement.

The last item on the agenda was a request to change the address assigned to a parcel on County Rd. from 105 to 107.

As the parcel has no improvements on it, the Board had no objections to the change and Karen was instructed to do so.

With no further business to discuss, the motion was made and voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.