



## **TOWN OF FREETOWN**

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
FREETOWN TOWN HALL, OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017, 5:30 PM**

The meeting convened at the Assessors' Office. Suzanne Parker, Michael Motta and Karen Mello were present. Sheila Scaduto was absent.

In the absence of Sheila Scaduto, Suzanne Parker chaired the meeting.

In open session, the Board reviewed and signed a Bill schedule as well as the Warrant and Commitment for FY18 Taxes.

There was also a general discussion of meeting schedules and availability.

With no further business to discuss in Open Session, the Chairperson called for a motion to convene in Executive Session to deliberate over matters of valuation and a request by a taxpayer representative to request from the Department of Revenue, authority to abate under the provisions of Ch. 58 section 8.

Mike Motta made the motion to convene Executive session, Suzanne Parker, by necessity seconded the motion and by a 2-0 vote the motion in favor, passed.

Karen explained to the Board the Mr. David Rosa, Executor for Gerald Nacaula, had contacted the legal staff at DOR for an abatement of several years of old assessments. The contact from DLS Law told Mr. Rosa he must address this issue with the Board of Assessors.

Mr. Rosa forwarded the email to Karen and she said she would bring the issue to the Board.

It seems that a lot known as 210-88, on Sassamon Drive was assessed as class code 130 (Buildable Land) rather than 132 (Unbuildable land). This lot and several others were owned by Gerald Nacaula. At some time in the past, most of the lots were changed from buildable to unbuildable.

Over the years, Gerald Nacaula, the owner of the land would periodically call Assessor Richard Field and complain about being elderly and that taxes were too high. Mr. Field would recount those conversations during regular Assessors' meeting and state that he (Mr. Nacaula) was told to file an abatement application, but he was not inclined to do so.

Because no abatement application was filed, no one was aware of the single lot that wasn't reduced, nor why it was not reduced.

Mike Motta made a motion to Deny the request for a filing of 58/8 that was seconded by the chair, Suzanne Parker. Suzanne for the vote on the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor of denial of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Mello, Asst. Assr.  
Freetown Board of Assessors