

Town of Bedford, Board of Assessors

Date: January 7, 2015

Bedford Town Hall

Call To Order: 7:00PM

Roll Call: Ron Cordes, Chair; Bruce Murphy, Clerk; Zoe Pierce, Member; Stephen Poulos , Associate Assessor

Guests: None

Discussion:

1. Move to accept minutes of the regular session of December 17, 2014 meeting. Moved by Ms. Pierce; Seconded by Mr. Cordes; vote 3-0-0.
2. FY16 Budget
 - a) After discussion the Board recommends staffing at current levels
 - b) The Board support resourcing for an early start to the inspections of properties in the Commercial and Industrial classifications and an ongoing inspection program
 - c) The Board supports budgeting for a full annual Personal Property Measure and List
 - d) The Board supports staffing and training to drive greater independence for the residential valuation process.
 - e) Budget hearing with Finance Committee: January 29, 2015
 - f) Move to approve budget proposal as presented . Moved by Mr. Murphy; Seconded by Ms. Pierce; vote 3-0-0.
3. Data Issues - The Associate Assessor reports that data quality issues remain open as a result of the server crash that corrupted the files in August
 - a) Random sketches are still corrupted causing errors in square footage leading to value errors
 - Three (3) accounts found with errors
 - Random sample of 100 did not turn up any further errors
 - b) WebPro, the tool that makes the database available to the public cannot be updated with FY15 data
 - c) The Office is making FY15 data available to the public via a spreadsheet
 - d) The Associate Assessor is following up with Patriot on nearly a daily basis
4. Next Meeting February 11, 2015
5. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and review abatement requests not to return to normal session. Moved by Mr. Murphy; Seconded by Ms. Pierce; Vote: Mr. Cordes, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Pierce, Aye.
6. Summary of Abatements Granted
 - a) 21 Summer Street -- New Value: \$225,544
 - b) 194 South Road -- New Value: \$451,600
 - c) 92 Kendal Court: New Value \$168,000

Adjournment: 9:00PM (from Executive Session)

Respectfully Submitted



Robert Bruce Murphy, Clerk

Approved by Board: 2/11/15