Town of Bedford, Board of Assessors
Date: October 30, 2014
Bedford Town Hall

Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
Roll Call: Ronald Cordes, Chair, Bruce Murphy, Clerk, Zoe Pierce, Member, Stephen Poulos, Associate Assessor
Guests: None
Discussion

1. The Minutes of the meeting of September, 24 2014 were discussed. MOVED by Ms. Pierce and SECONDED by Mr. Cordes to accept the minutes as presented. VOTED: 3-0-0.
2. Associate Assessor Poulos briefed the Board on the GIS map based on the sales and inspections data developed as part of the triennial revaluation data that he developed as a pilot project with People GIS.
3. The Board discussed the analysis of the impact of changing the CIP class allocation from 175% to 173%. Consensus was that the impact on both the CIP classes and the Residential classes were not significant and that this change would be, in essence, symbolic.
4. MOVED by Ms. Pierce and SECONDED by Mr. Murphy to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Property Tax Rate Classification Hearing memorandum as presented. VOTED: 3-0-0.
5. The Board conducted a policy development discussion regarding local policy with respect to the Clause 18 Hardship Exemption (GL CH 59 Sec 5 CL 18) based on DOR IGR no. 88-233. Developing consensus was that the Board would recommend Clause 18 as a fall back to Tax Deferrals (GL CH 59 Sec 5 CL 41A). The consensus of the Board was further discussion was needed prior to finalizing a policy.
6. The Board reviewed nine (9) Chapter 61 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF FOREST LANDS AND FOREST PRODUCTS) applications. Eight (8) applications were approved. One application was held aside because it was incomplete.

Adjournment: MOVED by Mr. Murphy and SECONDED by Ms. Pierce to adjourn VOTED: 3-0-0. 9:05PM

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Bruce Murphy, Clerk
Approved by Board: 12/17/14