

Town of Bedford, Board of Assessors
Date: November 12, 2015
Flint Room, Bedford Town Center

Call To Order: 7:00PM

Roll Call: Ron Cordes, Chair; Bruce Murphy, Clerk; Alan Ferguson, Associate Assessor

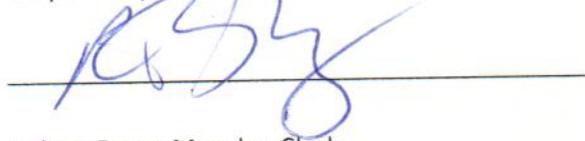
Guests: Selectmen Mike Rosenberg

Discussion:

1. Review of the draft minutes of October 28 exposed a typographical error in the estimate of the abatement risk for a personal property account. Move to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2015 as corrected. Moved by Ron Cordes; seconded by Bruce Murphy; vote 2-0-0.
2. Allan Fergusson briefed the Board on the certification model and provided an a analysis of the changes to the model from the previous version
3. Bruce Murphy provided data to the Board regarding the three Residential and two Commercial/Industrial properties that are eligible for the Open Space Discount.
4. Zoe Pierce, Board member, joined the meeting at 7:30PM
5. By consensus, the Board agreed to take the following actions with respect to the Open Space Discount
 - a. Recommend no changes to the Town's use of the Open Space Discount for FY16
 - b. Reclassify the five properties currently eligible for the Open Space Discount for FY17
 - c. Notify the owners of the five properties and advise them of other options and programs designed to incent property owners to maintain open spaces.
 - d. Formalize a recommendation to the Selectmen to eliminate the Open Space Discount for FY17.
6. The Board will meet briefly prior to the Selectmen's meeting on November 16 to formally vote the Certification recommendation for the Selectmen.
7. Move to adjourn: Moved by Bruce Murphy, seconded by Zoe Pierce, Vote 3-0-0.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted



Robert Bruce Murphy, Clerk
Approved by Board: 12/9/15