Town of Bedford, Board of Assessors
Date: February 11, 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 January 7, 2015 meeting. Moved by Ms. Pierce; Seconded by Mr. Cordes; vote 3-0-0.
2. Data Issues: The Associate Assessor reports that sufficient progress has been made to bring the WebPro on-line (publicly available) module up.
   a) Patriot identified and repaired approximately 400 corrupted account records.
   b) There is a considerable backlog of FY16 updates to do. Staff is cross-training to allow for additional effort in this area. Part-time staff will increase hours to address this.
4. Mr. Murphy briefed the Board on his research on differential tax rates
   a) Differential tax rates do not appear to have an impact on growth based on a cross comparison of two bench mark groups – one set of towns with differential tax rates and another set with uniform tax rates.
   b) Since 1986 differential tax rates have saved the typical residential taxpayer about $1500 per year.
   c) If Bedford had uniform tax rates the CIP sector would have to have nearly twice the current value in order no not produce higher taxes for the residential taxpayer.
5. Next Meeting February 25, 2015
6. Move to go into Executive Session to review abatement requests not to return to normal session. Moved by Ms. Pierce; Seconded by Mr. Murphy; Vote: Mr. Cordes, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Pierce, Aye.
7. Summary of Abatements Granted
   a) 2 North Road, Personal Property – New Value: $0
   b) Megapath , Personal Property – New Value: $0

Adjournment: 9:25PM (from Executive Session)

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Bruce Murphy, Clerk
Approved by Board: 2/25/15