

Town of Bedford, Board of Assessors

Date: July 16, 2014

Bedford Town Hall

Call To Order: 7:05PM

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

Guests: James R Kohm, 5 Beverly Road

Discussion

Mr. Kohm was asking if a promised change was made his property record with respect to the valuation of his basement. His expectation was the change would result in a lower tax bill. Stephen Poulos reported that the change was made in the Patriot system and in fact it lowered the value of the subject property but that did not result in a lower tax bill because of changes in overall values and the increase in the tax rate. The Board asked the Associate Assessor to provide Mr. Kohm with an estimate of what his tax bill would have been if the change had not been made to provide Mr. Kohm with an estimate of the impact of the change.

Move acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting on June 18, 2014. Moved by Zoe Pierce; Seconded by Ron Cordes; Vote: 3-0-0.

Stephen Poulos reports that supplemental billing is being implemented as of July 1.

Stephen Poulos advised the Board of a potential missing application for a statutory exemption for 26 Hilltop Road. Board directed the Associate Assessor to advise the tax payer of the statutorily mandated process for requesting an exception pending the results of a complete search of the files.

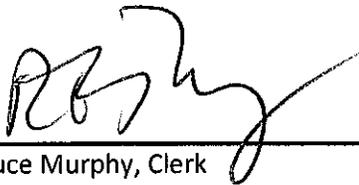
Stephen Poulos reported on the value setting process. Preliminary residential values have been set. No boundary changes on neighborhoods were necessary. Residential values appear to be increasing by approximately 9% which is in line with surrounding communities; our Patriot consultants advise that the surrounding communities will exhibit residential value increases in the range of 8-10%.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of recommending the implementation of the classification exemption option as part of the classification process. Consensus was that further discussion was required prior to the Board taking a position.

Meeting schedule: September 3 and September 24; 7:00PM, Town Hall.

Adjournment: Moved Bruce Murphy; seconded Zoe Pierce; Vote 3-0-0; 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted



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Robert Bruce Murphy, Clerk

Approved by Board: September 3, 2014