

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
May 2, 2012
BEDFORD TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bruce Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the second floor conference room.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Chairman Bruce Murphy, Clerk John Linz, member Ron Cordes, and Associate Assessor Bruce Morgan.

GUESTS: None

MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting of April 25, 2012 were provided. John Linz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron Cordes. Without discussion, a unanimous vote was taken on the motion to approve the minutes as written.

BUSINESS: 1. Bruce Morgan provided copies of a letter from Ms. Maya Tanden of 178 Springs Rd regarding the department's inspection policies and the upcoming inspection of her property. The Board decided that Ron Cordes would attend the inspection with Bruce Morgan.

2. Bruce Morgan informed the Board of an error found on the property record card of 215 Great Rd, a recent abatement request denial. The taxpayer will be notified so that reconsideration can occur.

3. The property at 428 North Rd was discussed. The owners and their representative attended an earlier Board meeting to present support for their abatement filing, and the decision at that time was to postpone a final vote for one week. Following discussion of a sales analysis the Board voted to abate the value to \$310,000.

4. John Linz moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation cases, seconded by Ron Cordes. In a roll call vote, all three members voted affirmatively to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 pm. The Executive Session ended at 8:42 pm and the open meeting resumed at that time.

5. John Linz presented a draft of guidelines for Clause 18A Temporary Hardship Deferral. John and Bruce Murphy expressed the need for a policy to be in place in case of future court action by a taxpayer and for the sake of consistency. Bruce Morgan was asked to contact Town Manager Rick Reed for town counsel's input.

6. John Linz presented a two-page draft of goals and objectives for FY13 for the Board's review.

7. Highway noise was discussed related to the abatement application materials presented to the Board by the owner of 7 Ridgewood Ln several weeks ago. Discussion centered around creating a boundary parallel to Route 3 to create a corridor of influence and subsequent site adjustments for some properties. Bruce Morgan was asked to do some research on policies in other communities.

8. Signatures were completed as required.

9. Bruce Morgan left the meeting at 10:05 pm so that the Board could discuss his performance review.

Adjournment:

Bruce Murphy reported to Bruce Morgan on 5/3/2012 that Ron Cordes made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting, seconded by John Linz. There was no discussion on the motion and all members present voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Bruce Morgan, Associate Assessor

Approved by the BOA May 9, 2012

John Linz, Clerk