

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
JULY 24, 2013  
BEDFORD TOWN HALL**

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

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

**GUESTS:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the open meeting of 6/26/2013 were reviewed. Ron Cordes made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bruce Murphy. The minutes were approved as written by all Board members. Minutes from the executive session of 5/22/2013 were reviewed. John Linz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron Cordes. The minutes were approved as written by Mr. Linz and Mr. Cordes, with Mr. Murphy abstaining because he was not at that meeting.

**BUSINESS:**

1. As follow-up to a discussion at a recent meeting, Ron Cordes said that he plans on reviewing the potential valuation of the new athletic field affiliated with The Edge Sports Center that is on Massport land with Bedford's legislators in the near future. John Linz supported that effort, stating that property owners gaining privately by using public land should pay their fair share and therefore the town needs to seek clarification of the relevant law(s).

2. John Linz distributed a list of tasks to be reviewed/completed during the next several months and asked Bruce Morgan to put them on a calendar through the remainder of 2013.

3. Bruce Murphy stated that the town may have some exempt properties that could be candidates for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program. Ron Cordes suggested that perhaps the Board could send a letter to all owners of exempt property informing them of what their taxes would be if they were taxable and asking if they would consider making any payments to the town for the services provided.

4. Bruce Morgan updated the Board regarding the longstanding Verizon and MCI Appellate Tax Board (ATB) cases. John Linz had asked for clarification on Verizon filings in recent years and Bruce Morgan confirmed that they have filed for FY10-14.

5. Ron Cordes asked that the Board consider preparing information for presentation to the Board of Selectmen regarding the residential exemption program in the near future.

**SIGNATURES:**

6. Signatures were completed as required.

7. Being no other business, Ron Cordes made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting, seconded by Bruce Murphy. There was no discussion on the motion and all members present voted affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Bruce Morgan, Associate Assessor

Approved by the BOA August 28, 2013

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Ronald Cordes, Clerk