



Town of Oak Bluffs Assessing Department

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2016 5:30 PM

In the Assessors' Office
Oak Bluffs Office Town Hall

Board Members Present:

Jesse B. Law, III, Chairman
Melanie M. Bilodeau
Marie B. Allen

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:
David Bailey, Principal Assessor
MacGregor Anderson, Administrative Assistant

Attendees:
Mark DePucchio

The meeting was called to order by Jesse Law at 5:30

Approval of February 29, 2016 minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and approved them.

General Update

David Bailey advised the board that Oak Bluffs would be doing a revaluation in fiscal 2018. He explained that current legislation aimed at moving from a three to a five year cycle could well pass but 2018 would be the next year for Oak Bluffs regardless of outcome.

David Bailey advised the board that he had requested a new vehicle for the department two years earlier and had heard that FinCom approved the request for this fiscal year. Although he would have been happy to take a retired police cruiser, they approved a new vehicle. He said he had researched electric vehicles and charging stations. He liked the idea of improving energy efficiency although there were some concerns regarding field inspections in rough and unpaved roads. He looked at hybrids but did not see any available on the state requisitioning list. The Board discussed the tradeoffs and encouraged Mr. Bailey to consider a hybrid pickup as one possibility. They suggested he go ahead and acquire the new vehicle.

Motor Vehicle and Boat abatement monthly reports:

No report was presented as this was mid-month

5:45 PM: Taxpayer appointment to discuss 31 Old Barnes Road / Depucchio Real Estate Abatement Application

Mr. Depucchio presented his case to the Board. Mr. Bailey explained his findings and responded to Mr. Depucchio's assertions. The Board decided to review the case further rather than make a decision at the meeting.

Note: although the Board anticipated an executive session at this point, it was determined there was no need.

Real Estate exemption and abatement applications

The Board reviewed the abatement and exemption applications, decided and signed them.

Personal Property abatement applications

The Board reviewed the abatement applications, decided and signed them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

The end of month reports will contain details of the specific applications acted upon at this meeting.

Signature: _____