

Dartmouth Board of Assessors

Minutes

October 13, 2015

The Board of Assessors held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday October 13, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 213. In attendance were Kevin Santos, John Furtado and Richard Gonsalves.

The meeting was open at 9:45 A.M.

The minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The following vouchers were reviewed and approved:

W.B. Mason \$485.23

Robert Michaud arrived at the meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fall Annual Town Meeting Article #16, which proposes that the Town adopt a statute that offers a resident up to a \$500 exemption if they do improvements on their home and house a senior over the age of 65.

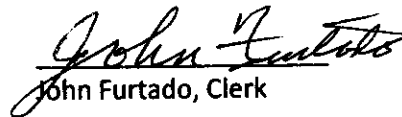
After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to forward comments to the Town Meeting stating their opposition to this statute. The reasoning behind their decision is that the exemption is not based on income guidelines and that anyone, regardless of income could qualify. It would also place a great deal of administrative work on the Assessor's office because applicants would have to file annually and inspections would have to be made to verify. Additionally, the Town has no way of knowing how many residents would take advantage of this exemption, therefore the liability is unknown.

The Bristol County Assessment was reviewed and signed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by John Furtado and duly seconded by Robert Michaud to close the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

Next scheduled meeting is November 2, 2015.

Board of Assessors


John Furtado, Clerk

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