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Director of Assessment

Executive Meeting Minutes July 12, 2012 5:30Pm

Chairman Curry asked for a motion to go into executive session under reason #7, to comply with another law. Motion moved by Mr. McCahill, seconded by Mrs. Eckstrom.

Roll Call: Mrs. Eckstrom -yes
Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. McCahill – yes
Mr. Curry – yes

Mr. Curry stated the Board will not be going back into open session.

Ms. Miller discussed Peter Cooper Drive, as a transition home. She discussed the company with other assessors down the cape where Latham has properties. She stated they have provided everything and it is all in order. Mr. Curry reviewed the documents – they filled out the paperwork, they are registered with the state and they fit into the statutory application deadline...

Mrs. Miller stated they did fill out the paperwork, and are registered, but they missed the deadline because they did not own it until April, and did not file until Mid March, and were not occupying it on July 1, 2012. Mr. Smith corrected Ms. Miller that the application was filed in May, not March. Ms. Miller stated that they were even more out of the deadline for filing and regardless, they are still not in there.

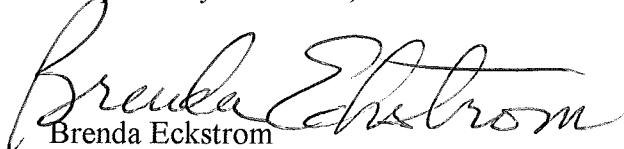
A discussion ensued whether it was ownership or actual occupancy that constituted occupancy. Ms. Miller stated she went over earlier in the week to see the property and there were not residents in the home.

She is also concerned that they did not file by March 1; a discussion ensued re: how could they file by March 1st if they didn't own the property until April 19.

The Board discussed and concurred to deny the abatement for the reason that they did not own the property and could not request an abatement for property they did not own. Mrs. Eckstrom stated that if we are wrong, they can appeal to the Appellate Tax Board, but with this information, we have no choice to deny.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. McCahill.
Roll call: unanimous:

Respectfully submitted,


Brenda Eckstrom
Clerk – Vice Chairman

Approved 3-0-1
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