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Minutes of the Board of Assessors' Executive Session held on **July 31, 2017** in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement

Executive Session brought to order at **7:10 PM**

Attending: John K Prentiss (Chair), Albert Afonso (Member), William Homans (Member), Diane Peterson (RRG Assessor), Genevieve Daniels (Assessor's Clerk)

Others Attending: Jedediah Mannis (Shelter Island Fund Owner)

Shelter Island Fund ATB Case

Jedediah Mannis came to tell about the history of Shelter Island Fund and to discuss the upcoming ATB case and any possible negotiations with the Board of Assessors.

Shelter Island Fund started about 25 years ago with the sole purpose of preserving land with the smallest amount of development possible. The original goal when they purchased the land in Hubbardston was to clean up the contaminated land and then the DCR was to purchase it from them. Unfortunately, when it came time for DCR to take this land, the project ran out of money and was unable to purchase the land from Shelter Island resulting in Jedediah paying the fees for the land.

Albert Afonso recently visited the Upper Intervale property and says that it is now a dump for a freezer, a large pile of asphalt, building waste (sheet rock, steel, etc.) and other household items. He would like to know who is responsible for the current state of the land and who is going to clean up the waste left on the property? Jedediah says he does not have the resources to police the land and that they periodically clean it. Shelter Island has put a few boulders to disallow public access.

Jedediah would like to know if there are any resolutions possible before the case. Diane let Jedediah know that his filing for Fiscal Year 2015 has 2016 on many documents and that the denial is for FY16. To be clear, Jedediah let the Board and Diane know that the filing is for 2016 and so on and they withdrew their 2012 filing with the ATB because they knew they would lose the case due to the decision made by the ATB in the case of New England Forestry Foundation Inc. vs. Hawley Board of Assessors (468 MA. 138).

Jedediah asked the Board if they are willing to vote to make it exempt because he is unwilling to negotiate due to the fact that the money is coming from his pocket on behalf of the corporation.

**William Homans made a motion to let this decision be made by the ATB and the rest of the discussion be held in an open meeting.
2nd by John Prentiss**

Roll Call:

John Prentiss – Yes

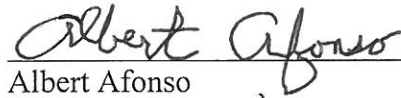
Albert Afonso – Yes

William Homans - Yes

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 PM and continued with the regular meeting.



John K. Prentiss



Albert Afonso



William Homans

Approved