

# *Board of Assessors*

January 11, 2000 - **Minutes**

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PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Marty Treadup, Clerk, Assessor Robert Pacheco, Norman A. Bergeron, Administrative Assistant, (Recording Clerk on vacation, Clerk of Assessors recording)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Assessor Barney: We will start today with a Personal Property application.

Acct #1260 342 Union Street Balderson

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 38-97 107 Brownell Avenue Mayer

Originally she was told that she was not eligible because her assets were too high. She then came in and explained and provided proof to us that the bank accounts listed were not all hers. Therefore, recommendation is to grant her the \$500 elderly exemption.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: For the record, looking at Bankers & Tradesmen, the sales are running above the 2000 assessments.

Clause 18's:

127-B-73 680 Church Street Catulo

In previous years since 1993, they have been receiving \$750 from us. Their situation hasn't changed. Recommendation is to grant the same.

Assessor Treadup: Move to grant \$750.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 103-62 128 Hathaway Street Fahey

In previous years she was granted \$225.

Assessor Treadup: Move to grant \$225.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 57-218 394 Maxfield Street Letendre

In previous years she was granted \$500. Her situation has not changed.

Assessor Treadup: Move to grant \$500.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 100-103 97 Coffin Avenue Sylvia

In previous years we have granted \$250 & \$300. They will be eligible for the Elderly exemption next year.

Assessor Treadup: Move to grant \$325.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, do you have anything to add today?

N. Bergeron: Regarding the Appellate Tax Board Cases, there were 49 cases - three are settled. Out of that, 7 are gas stations, so we're down to about 39 active cases. They should be starting on March 22 and finishing on May 10. I'll be getting together with Carlos & John to review these.

We have a meeting with Tom Sweeney on Thursday, January 13. In addition to the general office meeting with him, he wants to discuss renumbering all the parcels in the

City. With that, I have requested a meeting not only with the Tom and our staff, but also to have Michelle Avila and Ben Watkins. In addition, I think I'll ask Rob from M.I.S. to meet with Michelle, Ben and I to go over what we can and cannot do regarding renumbering. I'm sure that Tom will lay out basically what it is that he wants to see for a time frame.

Assessor Barney: I would like to add for the minutes that as far as Appellate Tax Board cases go, we are in a situation where we have a rise in the market, and it is very hard to settle residential cases in general in a rising market, because the values are rising ahead of you. Unless there is some individual characteristic of the property to generate a settlement, then more than likely in residential cases, we are probably going to find ourselves going all the way.

As far as remapping goes, to do remapping in one year, especially a reval year is extremely difficult because you want to keep your base values and your base statistics in line from year to year.

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, do you have anything to say today on the progress of the Civil Service List?

N. Bergeron: According to Angela Natho, she finally has the list and we should have it shortly. She told me we are first on the list to receive it.

Assessor Barney: Last week we had the announcement of the Assisted Living Center. We will have to wait and find out exactly what that looks like. There was a case in Tisbury on assisted living centers depending upon their corporate structure and what kind of benefits they provide for these people, and the method of income generation. It may appear before us within this year. Technically, one could argue that as of January 1, 1999 it was taxable.

Note: There was discussion of potential settlements of the 121 A case with Harborview Towers.

Assessor Barney: That concludes the agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

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Marty Treadup, Clerk