

Board of Assessors

February 29, 2000 - **Minutes**

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PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Marty Treadup, Clerk, Assessor Robert Pacheco, Norman A. Bergeron, Administrative Assistant, Marianna M. Penha, Recording Clerk.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 A.M.

Assessor Barney: I would like to report on sales for the last two weeks:

Location	Assess	Sold
223 Acushnet Avenue	\$72,100	\$ 93,000
18 Canterbury Street	\$76,000	\$109,000
119 Florence Street	\$71,000	\$ 90,500
62 Independent Street	\$84,000	\$110,000
19 Mechanics Lane	\$44,800	\$ 60,000
132 Topham Street	\$80,500	\$114,000
5-7 Briggs Street	\$95,000	\$179,900
222 Field Street (med.condo)	\$107,000	\$147,000

A sale of interest last week: Corner of Tarkiln Hill & Acushnet Avenue Previously sold for \$800,000 - the lot next door sold for \$200,000.

Assessor Barney: The Volunteer Program is coming up again in the Council. Evidently there is something in the law passed in 1998 and Ann Carney is giving me a copy showing exactly how it works. It's a little different in some towns.

Assessor Barney: The Legislative Committee met again last week . We discussed again at length the failure of the Legislature to act to benefit our elderly citizens. The feeling of the Legislative Committee mirrors certainly the feeling of this Board of Assessors that our poorest taxpayers are slowly being pushed out of their homes between rising values and rising tax rates and the lack of any kind of change in their basic exemptions for the elderly and the aged. The Legislature are the only ones that can make any change, and they have failed miserably. If something isn't done, older people are going to have a lot harder time maintaining their homes.

We have an Appellate Tax Board settlement.

40-13 150 Page Street Baker

Fiscal 1999 Accepted abatement of \$9,800.

Assessor Treadup: Move to ratify offer.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye" Adjusted tax: \$153.00.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate as offered and accepted.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: Recommendation is to deny on all of the following:

47-1 174 Union Street N B I S

54-4 1240-1258 Kempton St. Shaw's

54-10 N S Metropolitan St. Shaw's

54-11 N S Metropolitan St. Shaw's

130-D-117 E S Acushnet Avenue Shaw's

130-D-249 E S Acushnet Avenue Shaw's

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 9-250 263 Aquidneck Street Grew

Recommendation is to abate \$4,400.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 35-9 57 Shaw Street Wanat

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 26-38 14 Fulton Street Silva

Recommendation is to abate \$4,600.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 134-310 3660 Acushnet Avenue Izyk

Recommendation is to abate \$10,500.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 38-18 823 Allen Street Dutra

Recommendation is to abate \$9,800.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 16-144 72 Ruth Street DeMelo

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 130-D-286 R S S Phillips Road Shaw's

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 130-D-244 N S Arnoff Street Shaw's

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 130-D-118 2924 Acushnet Avenue Shaw's

Recommendation is to abate \$23,200.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 41-1 100 Cottage Street Ladino

Recommendation is to abate \$12,000.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 40-107 25 Morelands Terrace Hammond

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 39-444 75 Reed Street Levine

Recommendation is to abate \$3,700.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 40-132 34 Stetson Street Yates

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 130-D-243 Monson Street Shaw's

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 15-61 88 Cove Street DeMelo

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 117-168 3 Alford Street Amaral

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 12-77 1494 E. Rodney Fr. Clark's Point Realty

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 84-286 510 Summer Street Dube

Recommendation is to deny. Motion on the table is to visit.

Assessor Treadup: Move to table and visit.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor: "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 93-258 1112-1114 Acushnet Avenue Roth

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 93-266 1110 Acushnet Avenue Roth

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 98-128 W S Brook Street Brook St. Realty

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 106-56 553 No. Front Street Raposo

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 113-374 72 Milford Street Resendes

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 127-C-215 816 Ashley Blvd. Cioper

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: 137-A-12 930 Sharon Street Charon

Recommendation is to abate \$23,400.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: For the record, if there is no letter of authorization with the applications that are represented by someone else, they will have no standing with this Board of Assessors. It will be as if they have never filed. Anything with no letter of authorization will have no action taken. If the ninety days allowed has expired and they have not brought it in, that's it.

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, would you care to update us on personnel?

N. Bergeron: The new clerk that we had hired is not coming in because of a personal situation that has occurred in which she would need medical coverage, and she would not be covered here for six months. Therefore, we are back to square one. We have contacted by mail a couple of additional people who applied.

N. Bergeron: As far as the Appellate Tax Board goes, the first of the 1999 cases will be heard on March 22. We did send out letters to each of those informing them of that and if they wish to call us, they may do so. We will try to resolve those cases here rather than go to Boston. Of the seven, we received calls from six. We resolved one yesterday, which you acted on this morning. We have two others coming in 10:00 this morning, one on Friday morning and another coming in at another time. In the next couple of days, we will send out letters to the four cases that are to be heard on March 29, requesting that they give us a call if they would like to try and resolve this before going to Boston.

We did receive a questionnaire from Patriot, which is the first time that we have had this kind of communication from them. They apparently have someone on board now who's more business oriented, if not computer oriented. The questionnaire is regarding customer service and support, and through that, developing a user conference.

We also received a questionnaire from the Commonwealth Office of Administration and Finance, and this one is regarding proposed local aid of \$47,000,000. This is for a housing supply incentive program. We received it by fax Thursday and they want the answer by tomorrow, which we will have as it's just about done. They want to know the number of single family homes that were fully constructed in 1998, the number of multi families that were constructed in 1998, including condo's, the number of units, buildings, values etc. and also they want to know the number of abandoned houses that were rehabed during 1997, 1998, & 1999 and put back on the tax rolls. Carlos & John each prepared a portion of it. Should all of this come through, then maybe based on whatever

the guidelines are by the state, the City may be eligible for some portion of that \$47,000,000.

Carol Roy and I have been working on the Fiscal 2001 budget and we have those numbers pretty much together now the way we want to do it. We have not been notified yet as to when we will have a pre-budget hearing with the Mayor.

In terms of the overtime, it was decided yesterday that that will end on March 9, and on or before that time the deeds will have all been entered.

Assessor Barney: 138-32 E S Cardinal Street Genereux

There is a motion on the floor to reconsider under Chapter 485 -6.

Assessor Treadup: Move to reconsider under 485-6.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Treadup: Move to present back to Board.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: At this time, I would like to say that the Board of Assessors wishes to extend their deepest sympathies to the family of Edward B. Lopes. His long years of service and dedication to the City are well know by everyone. His quiet demeanor and his ability to work with people, both taxpayers, City Councillors and other administrators in the City certainly was a benefit to all who knew him and he will certainly be missed by this administration and other members of boards that he has worked with in the City.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk