

# *Board of Assessors*

March 14, 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 9:00 A.M.

Assessor Barney: The annual increase on the Clause 17's is in for Fiscal 2001 and the increase is 3.5 %. It raises the exemption to \$196.19.

According to the Standard Times, multi-family homes sales jumped 30 % in one year, and as a result the Assessors are required to follow the market, so it would appear the values of multi-family homes would be climbing for fiscal 2000 and 2001.

Sales for last week in Banker's & Tradesmen include:

| Location             | Sold       | Assessed  |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| 51 Blueberry Terrace | \$134,000  | \$94,000  |
| 1134 Chaffee Street  | \$130,000  | \$104,800 |
| 1128 Cherokee St     | \$124,500  | \$99,800  |
| 662 County Street    | \$173,000  | \$103,100 |
| 103 Longview Rd.     | \$129,000  | \$108,600 |
| 57 Merrimac Street   | \$114,900  | \$77,600  |
| 3 Priscilla Street   | \$121,500  | \$96,700  |
| 1129 Sassaquin Ave   | .\$118,700 | \$76,900  |

Assessor Barney: 40-103 144 Hawthorn Street Levine

Accepted offer of \$37,200.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate as offered and accepted.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 52-188 150 Eighth Street Benjamin Almy

Recommendation is to offer \$30,300.

Assessor Treadup: Move to offer.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 98-204 143 Nye Street DeSouza

Will accept offer 1999 settlement of \$8,400.Motion is to ratify offer as presented.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 45-353 14 Tremont Street Tavares

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 46-247 37 Orchard Street Snurkowski

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 125-B-11055 Mount Pleasant St.Couto

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?" Aye"

Assessor Barney: 136-323 S W Phillips Road Regal-Benoit

The Board will take no action on this application. The taxpayer's representative has withdrawn his representation of this taxpayer, therefore as with the one we had last week, the application has no standing before the Board and no action will be taken of any kind.

Assessor Barney: The following are all recommended for denial:

66-47E S Pleasant Street Glaser

66-491271 Purchase St. Glaser

66-511265 Purchase Glaser

78-125 61 Wamsutta Street Montouk

98-253 211 Deane Street Taber Mill

100-123 1 Riverside Avenue Century LLC

111-150 Belleville/Healey Ades

123-18 1228 Shawmut Avenue Arjay

123-21 E S Shawmut Avenue Charter

123-82 W S Shawmut Avenue Charter

123-88 770 Mount Pleasant St. Simon's

Assessor Barney: For the record, it should be noted that the values on these have not changed significantly, if at all in the last three years, and these totally are being driven from a commissioned tax agent who believes that the Citizens of New Bedford quite strongly should support his business and make the residents of the City pay more, by filing applications on properties whose values have not changed.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation on all.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?" Aye"

Assessor Barney: Last week the Board went out on two visits on Wednesday & Friday. We did succeed in visiting inside a couple of them. Some we are

following recommendations, some we are changing, and some will be given back to our appraisers.

51-115 157 Chancery Street Silva

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$10,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$162.30

Assessor Barney: 58-394 140 Mill Street Gibau

Recommendation was to abate \$7,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Move to abate \$50,000.

Assessor Treadup: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$811.50

Assessor Barney: 58-101 105 Maxfield Street Rae

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$5,000 in value and change the split to 75/25.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$282..03

Assessor Barney: 65-333 42 Pearl Street Kalife

Recommendation was to abate \$3,200.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$13,200 for one year only.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$214.24

Assessor Barney: 91-56715 Summer Street Cote

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$5,000 for one year only.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$81.15.

Assessor Barney: 49-7920 Jenney Lind Street Thomas

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$10,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$162.30.

Assessor Barney: 17-A-119 1574 Padanaram Ave.Carvalho

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$17,500 for one year only.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$284.03.

Assessor Barney: 17-167 1579 Cove Road Gomes

Recommendation was no change.Deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$9,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$297.99

Assessor Barney: 16-1622 Ashley Street DeMelo

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 9-370322 Rodney French Blv.Amaral

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$10,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$162.30.

Assessor Barney: 5-137180 Seymour Street Crook

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$11,200 for one year only.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$181.78.

Assessor Barney: 50-339 203 James Street DawsonRecommendation is to abate \$9,000.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 51-357 115 Chancery Street Gomes

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$10,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$162.30.

Assessor Barney: 76-259 152 Durfee Street Coggeshall

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?" Aye"

Assessor Barney: 114-134 683 Ashley Blvd. Pelczarski

Appellate Tax Board Case #X 289309.

Assessor Treadup: Move to offer \$17,900.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?" Aye"

Assessor Barney: 119-180 152 Tarkiln Hill RoadMedeiros

Recommendation is to deny. No change in value but change the split from  
75/25 to 85/15.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?" Aye" Adjusted tax: \$162.05.

Assessor Barney: 127-241 40 Jarry Street Miller

Recommendation is to abate \$3,600.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$8,900.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?" Aye" Adjusted tax: \$144.45

Assessor Barney: 132-I-35 3253 Acushnet AvenueSoucy

Recommendation was to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?" Aye"

Assessor Barney: 136-360 3925 Acushnet AvenueBates

Recommendation is to abate \$7,100.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 136-250 4052 Acushnet AvenueSupczak

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$15,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$131.15.

(Discussion was held on the effect of the vandalism toward the condition of the house.)

Assessor Barney: 118-81 162 Branscomb StreetAbreu

Recommendation is to abate \$7,000.

Assessor Treadup: Move to deny.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 110-214 111 Clifford Street Alfonso

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$8,000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$129.84

Assessor Barney: 92-25N W Brook/Sawyer Calvao

Recommendation is to abate \$18,600.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 92-273 Rear 295 Sawyer StreetSilva

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$25,000.(Based on condition)

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$642.07

Assessor Barney: 92-153 146 Ashley Blvd. Silva

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 84-286 510 Summer Street Dube

Recommendation is to deny.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$37,500.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate \$37,500 based on condition.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?"Aye" Adjusted tax: \$925.12

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

N. Bergeron:Regarding the Overvaluation Applications, there are still the 28 that we are waiting for letters of authorization.Nine of those are Mark Witkin's,which he just files "because."Four of them are Building 19, filed byRobert Brook.I told Louise yesterday not to worry about the dates as theyhave already been notified by letter to submit a letter of authorization.Ifthey don't do it, when the times comes we'll just process it and there willbe no action done.Let them fight it the way they want to.

Patriot did install a new version. I haven't heard any complaints yet, but I will be meeting today with, John Duffy, Carlos & Carol Roy to discuss the new version and respond to the questionnaire that we received from Patriota few weeks ago. This is the first time Patriot has made any effort to get something from the user.

As far as the recruiting of a new clerk, we are back to square one. The whole list that we had went back to Personnel yesterday along with three short letters from us, so that they can re-certify the whole list. We hope to have the list back by Monday, but that means that Personnel will again send out notices to all those people and they can all come in and sign up again. If it's okay, we are going to try to get back to the person that we had agreed to hire, who had to refuse, because she couldn't afford to lose medical coverage. By re-certifying the list, it will go out as a permanent Clerk position, with immediate benefits.

We will meet with the Mayor on 3/20 regarding pre-budget hearings. Our total request will be \$815,758. This is slightly less than last year's.

The overtime was completed last Wednesday on the two projects that were being worked on, which was putting in the deeds, and the mailing of the I & E's. The I & E's have become an extremely lengthy and costly process this year and we will be redoing that whole process next year.

Assessor Barney: On April 16, I have a meeting with the Ordinance Committee to discuss the Elderly Volunteer Programs. The Council is chomping at the bit to hire Elderly people and give them a tax break of some manner.

On April 20, I have a meeting with the Finance Committee to go over an issue that I believe George Rogers put on the agenda, for whatever what reason, on which one comes first, valuation or taxes.

For the record, even though the Council has made comments in their minutes somewhere that the Assessors are not in favor of volunteer programs, that is not true. The Assessors as a whole feel that programs of this nature must be guarded against on the grounds of potential discrimination and favoritism shown between those people in control of the program and those people receiving the benefits of the program. The Assessors are very much in favor of things that are fair and equal to all who have the opportunity to apply. We are also concerned about these kind of programs where the burden of taxation is slowly being placed on a smaller and smaller group of middle class people who are paying all the bills and are not having the opportunity to find any way out of paying higher bills. In the end, this will have an effect upon how much money is being spent in the community. We also feel that on an issue of this magnitude, the legislature should take more of a positive action to correct these kinds of problems than they have shown in the last twenty years since they adjusted the limits on the Elderly Exemptions, and they have the ability to do this in a universal manner that will be fair and applicable to all who apply. Therefore, it should be considered on that basis.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?"Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

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Marty Treadup, Clerk