

# *Board of Assessors*

June 1, 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 9:05 A.M.

Assessor Barney: There are a couple of reminders for today. On June 7 there will be a meeting of the Plymouth County Assessors Association.

There is a lot of information on the Buzzards Bay Coalition Center on the water races etc.

Bankers & Tradesmen Sales for this week include:

74 Acushnet Avenue	Assessed: \$71,400	Sold: \$118,500
172 Aquidneck St	79,000	101,500
193 Cedar Street	63,800	90,000
4 Franklin Street	47,900	72,000
170 Query Street	101,000	130,000
35 Oriole Street	74,500	105,000
128 Ohio Street	100,500	123,000

Assessor Barney: 25-A-7 Cape Cod Sportswear Gifford Street

This was a lease by Cape Cod Sportswear, but they have not been here for a while and no one bothered to notify our office that the lease was not still in existence. It has been in tax title. With City owned property you cannot put a lien on it or foreclose it because the City owns it. In this situation, we are usually asked to request that the Department of Revenue abate the amount that is in tax title. It has been granted.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate as to the Department of Revenue's permission for 1998,1999 and 2000.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

N. Bergeron: Their lease had expired and they weren't responsible for it. This was the fault of the City. Absolutely no one is in charge of City leases.

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, would you care to update us on the status of hiring a new employee.

N. Bergeron: I think that the only thing we're waiting for at this point is for the Mayor to sign and approve. Personnel received the okay last Wednesday. Hopefully, we'll get the word today as Angela meets with the Mayor. We have also taken down the notice for Principal Clerk's position. We will then begin to prepare to advertise for the other position. Hopefully, the woman that we selected is still available, as it has now been five weeks. Assuming that she is, she is going to need at least three weeks notification time to her present employer. She informed us of that from the beginning.

Assessor Barney: The budget hearing moved along quite well last night. All three members of the Board of Assessors, Mr. Bergeron and Carol Roy attended.

N. Bergeron: I wrote another letter to the Harbor Development Commission regarding our request to them to get a list of all of the boats docked in our harbor during the summer so that excise tax bills may be applied to them. I got a call back from them yesterday indicating that there is an ordinance that once approved by the Council, would require Marine operators to provide the City with the names of all individuals who dock vessels at their facilities. One other thing is that Harbor Development should also get the names of the boats that are just moored to a mooring, not docked on our side of the harbor. There are some of those in the harbor during the summer.

Assessor Barney: The law states tax is owed where the boat spends the summer or is moored on July 1. We have received some interesting phone calls from people from out of state who refuse to pay us. My answer is that there are plenty of other people who would like to come here.

N. Bergeron: In regard to the Re-Val everything seems to be moving along. Patriot was in yesterday working with Paul Bergman. John & Carlos met with them and they went over several things. I had two main questions which Carlos brought up. The first one was where are they on providing the proper software for laptop computers. The answer is that should be available through some other things with Rob by the end of July. I know when we first started negotiating with Patriot after we had selected their system, they indicated that they had certain modules dealing with various aspects of the Appraisal System. At that time it was decided that they were not necessary then and we would set it aside and look at them at a future date. The question then yesterday was, what modules are there out there that could be beneficial to us and how much do they cost. As it ended up, there really isn't anything that they have that is going to assist us to any great extent that would justify the expenditure.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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Marty Treadup, Clerk