

Board of Assessors

August 22, 2000 - **Minutes**

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 9:14 A.M.

Assessor Barney: I would like to mention a few sales in Banker's & Tradesmen this week.

\$108,900	229 Haskell Street	Assessed: \$67,000	Sold:
\$123,000	211 Lowell Street	\$112,000	
\$145,000	1060 Marion Street	\$126,300	
29,000	2100 Phillips Rd	\$ 19,000	\$
\$158,000	40 Oriole Street	\$142,500	
98,000	89 Acushnet Ave.	\$ 80,500	\$

Assessor Barney: We have a letter from John Zakian to the Board of Assessors about the Aris Industries Special Tax Assessment Agreement, basically saying that they have not executed an agreement with Aris, and the TIF Board has formally withdrawn the agreement authorization. The company has had some internal problems and has not responded to repeated requests to execute the agreement. We will receive and place on file.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: For your information, we have a Notice of Public Hearing Under Zoning Ordinance, which will be at 4:30 on August 24, in Room 213. Is there anything

that you wish to contribute to Century L.L.C. of 90 Riverside Avenue becoming a Comprehensive permit to use this mill building as an Assisted Living facility? We will receive and place on file.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have a notice of a Jiminy Peak M.A.A.O. conference coming up on September 27-29. One of the interesting subjects is an Open Meeting Law on what we can and cannot do.

For the record, this Board of Assessors has a letter from Pat Callahan, the former City Solicitor, outlining the degree of public exposure the Board must have or must not have, and things that are rightfully public. A good part of what we do is not public because it is directly connected to the abatement application procedure, abatement settlements and court case settlements, which are litigations, and are not open to public disclosure. This Board generally operates to disclose mostly what comes in front of it on a regular basis, and we meet regularly to do so.

Assessor Barney: We have three Overvalue Applications to vote on.

130-F-12 130-F-34 130-F-36

Christian Fellowship Center Assemblies of God

They were sent an omitted bill for Fiscal 2000, because when they recorded a Trust Deed it appeared that they might become taxable, so, to cover ourselves, we sent omitted bills out to them. Since that time, at our request, the Department of Revenue has ruled that they will accept the oddly worded Trust Deed as merely a type of mortgage. At the Department of Revenue's approval of keeping it exempt for 2001, we need a motion to abate to keep it exempt for Fiscal 2000. We will abate the following amounts: 130-F-12 \$9,148.30 130-F-34 \$2,385.82 130-F-36 \$1,812.88.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate all three as listed.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: Last Thursday, the City Council gave us the appropriation we wanted for the extra computer systems and the remaining automobiles.

Mr. Sweeney will not be down until September. Per discussion with him and Ann Carney, it appears that the Department of Revenue is terribly short handed, and they have postponed their quarterly billing communities until later, and they are handling the semi-annual billing communities first, so we are not the only ones being pushed back. This means that everything sits to a degree and waits for them to arrive. If we are fortunate, and everything is approved quickly in September, we will be in a position to announce new values and be certified to make any changes. This is the reason why we voted the motion for a third estimated tax bill. This kind of thing is not unusual, but we have heard that a lot of communities have been denied initial certification so far. It has something to do with how they are qualifying their extreme sales.

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, do you have any other matters that you wish to discuss?

N. Bergeron: We have a new clerk who began yesterday. We are starting to put her through the paces and learning procedures. She will be primarily working with deeds. We have also begun the process for the hiring of the second clerk. However, we have not received the requisition back on that yet, signed by the Mayor.

The Appellate Tax Board sent down a list for all of the Fiscal 2000 cases. Bert Peltz had faxed the initial list to me. The difference was that the list from the Appellate Tax Board had hearing dates on it, and the one from Bert did not. I got a call from Jane Mello last Thursday wanting to come in and talk about a couple of cases that she has on. When I asked her why so soon, she said that she had received a notice from the A.T.B., and that she was going to be heard on September 20. I spoke to Bert, who then called the A.T.B., and he found out that everyone has been scheduled hearing dates, with as many as 11 and 13 cases on a day. I called back and told Bert that that was not at all possible. They then said okay, you make up your own list and send it to us. I've sent up half the list, which involves all of the Commercial/Industrial.

N. Bergeron: Hopefully, they are going to send out notices to all of the taxpayers canceling out the first hearing date and rescheduling. I have just completed the remainder of the hearing dates, which will be for four weeks in March and two weeks in April, and those are all of the residential property.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk