

# *Board of Assessors*

October 3, 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: Banker & Tradesmen Sales for this week include:

Location	Assessed	Sold
444 Brock Avenue	\$103,300	\$136,000
1076 County Street	\$104,800	\$132,000
85 Grant Street	\$70,100	\$110,000
Katherine Street (land)	\$59,000	\$100,000
123 Rotch Street	\$139,900	\$192,500
87 State Street	\$83,000	\$101,000

Assessor Barney: I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Bergeron to update us on the progress of ReVal. First, I would like to make one note for the record. We were held up from last Thursday and over the weekend because the computer system locked up and failed to do its job. We don't quite know the reason for that, whether it has something to do with the Patriot program that was in there or whether it had to do with the amount of extraneous stuff that our computer system now has in it. The memory in the computer system may be filling up, and when we get into it we take a lot of it, and this causes the system to crash. One of the delays over the last week and a half has been the computer system not being adequate to meet our needs. The computer people downstairs have worked valiantly to bring it up to par.

N. Bergeron: I did call Tom Sweeney on Friday morning and he returned my call yesterday morning. He indicated to me that he was not going to schedule another appointment down here, but he wanted us to fax the residuals to his office in Worcester, and he would look at them on Wednesday when he got to his office. I'm not sure whether he will get back to us or not with questions, because his next comment was that if we had any further questions, we would be dealing with Marilyn Browne. Yesterday, Carlos & John finished a couple of reports that they had. We had a discussion and concluded that it may be best if we sent all of the information from the ReVal to Tom, which included the residuals. That is going to be done today and Joe Almeida will hand deliver them to Tom's office. We are also going to fax this information, but felt that maybe the fax copies might not be as clear on the other end. Along with that we included a schedule of all the

reports that are going up. We included a summary of some of the changes that were made as a result of the letter that we had received from Marilyn Browne. We also included a small cover letter, which Peter & I drafted, just an explanatory letter. I somehow hope that whatever is going on with the Department of Revenue that we can begin at this point, with Tom's review on Wednesday, the process towards the timely certification.

Assessor Barney: I would like to add a couple of things. The stack of reports is roughly eighteen inches tall when we're done with it, so carrying it up is much more logical than trying to fax it. The land residual itself is about an inch tall when we get done and will not fax easily through the machines. We have also kept a second copy of all reports, because Mr. Sweeney has in the past had a penchant for losing things that you give to him. In the past, he has at various times indicated that he didn't receive something, when actually we have proof that we sent it to him. Therefore, to safeguard ourselves we have kept the complete set of what was sent up yesterday, as of that date. On that basis, we can have a reasonable discussion, should he call. Should the Department of Revenue not accept this, we will demand a good reason as to why not. We are going to request a meeting with Marilyn Browne and with Ellis Withington too. If the Department of Revenue has a serious problem with something, it's about time they involved the Patriot Computer Company which probably services at least fifty communities in the state.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our meeting today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

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Marty Treadup, Clerk  
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