

Board of Assessors

October 24, 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: I would like to remind you that the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers is holding its annual meeting on November 9, at Benjamin's in Taunton.

Tomorrow night, Carlos Amado and I will be attending the meeting for the Bristol County Assessors Association. More than anything else, it is probably going to be a networking session.

Mr. Bergeron provided me with an article that was in Sunday's paper pointing out how healthy the market is for old mills. According to the firm of Bates & McDonough, they say that people are more than ever interested in old mill space. I think that's nice to know especially since they quote per square foot rents as \$2.00 - \$3.50 per square foot. That's a lot higher than it used to be. This is an interesting article and we will place it on file because it will certainly be useful, at least in a discussion stage, with anyone who chooses to come in and discuss mills.

Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Amado met with Mike Kearney on Friday and a number of cases have been withdrawn and about six cases are pending discussion. One case has a settlement proposed on it.

Assessor Barney: I will read off the ones that have been settled just for the Board's notice.

59-205	43 Tower Drive	Tower Drive Ltd.
66-47	E S Pleasant St.	Glaser
66-49	1271 Purchase St.	Glaser
66-51	1265 Purchase St.	Glaser
133-45	50 Samuel Barnet	C P Bourg
133-37	Samuel Barnet	C P Bourg
123-117	1136 Shawmut Ave	Penske Trucking
123-118	S S Nash Road	Charter Realty

123-132	1200 Shawmut Ave	Charter Realty
123-82	E S Shawmut Ave	Charter Realty

Proposed for settlement – new value \$45,000 carried forward.

Motion will be to offer.

Assessor Treadup: Move to offer and approved subject to signature.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? “Aye”

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, would you like to update us on meetings that we had yesterday with Mass Air & Northeast Air and anything else that you would like to comment on.

N. Bergeron: We haven't heard from the Department of Revenue since Friday morning when Carlos brought information over. We're hoping that the information they now have is going to be sufficient and as accurate as they need it in order to be able to complete the analysis and then move it on to Boston. We would like to think that we won't have to provide any more additional information, but that will remain to be seen until possibly after Wednesday or Thursday, when they spend their day in the office. If we don't hear anything by the end of Thursday, then maybe it's moving along and we can proceed. We don't feel as though we are any further behind or ahead than we were in past ReVals. If we look at 1995 & 1998, we did not receive preliminary approval until December 7 & December 12.

As far as the Appellate Tax Board cases go, Peter did indicate some of the settlements with Mike Kearney. I will be calling him either today or tomorrow and make him an offer on the remaining five cases, and that will be abated values on three larger properties, and on the other two smaller office buildings, we hope that he will withdraw. Should it be acceptable, we would then be taking an abatement tax bite of about \$16,300. The numbers that we are recommending on those would be for a slight reduction in Taber Mill Apartments and Olympia Towers, and also on the Mars mill space in the North End, reducing it to \$3.02 per foot.

Regarding John Lynch and his cases, (Bedford Towers, etc.), last week we called his office and left a message with his secretary that we had reviewed the properties once again and determined that there would be no change in value from our perspective. We are scheduled for November 29 unless we hear from John and he wishes to amend what he is looking for.

Skip Carter has four cases coming up on November 8 and he has already been notified by mail. We expect to hear from him this week.

All of the 800 Account purchases (the computers, automobiles, etc.) have been completed with the Auditors, and we ended up still having a balance of about \$6,500.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk