

Board of Assessors

November 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 9:05 A.M.

Assessor Barney: A few sales from Banker & Tradesmen this week are:

Location	Assessed	Sold
11 Nye Street	\$177,800	\$269,800
68 Hazard Street	\$57,900	\$76,500
56 Riverview Terr.	\$150,900	\$194,900
43 Araujo Court	\$158,300	\$177,000
47 S. Second. St.	\$385,000	\$640,000
3441 Acushnet Ave.	\$82,100	\$126,900
19 Alfred Street	\$127,800	\$140,000
17 Lucas Street	\$93,000	\$150,000
39 Milton Street	\$85,200	\$123,500
59 Plymouth St.	\$97,600	\$158,500
1243 Rockdale Ave.	\$108,100	\$145,000
30 Central Avenue	\$71,800	\$104,000
226 Court Street	\$84,900	\$118,500
32 Julie Place	\$79,300	\$107,800
7 Linden Court	\$30,400	\$89,000

In every case that I have read off so far this year, the proposed 2001 values are much less than the selling price.

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron & I attended the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers last week at Benjamin's, with the swearing in of Jean Reedy as president. We did hand out copies of the decision on the skating rink to a few interested people, for instance, Brockton and Fall River.

The Executive Board meeting Christmas party will be on November 30. Members are covered by the organization.

Mr. Bergeron, I will turn the meeting over to you to update us on the usual topics.

N. Bergeron: As far as the Re-val goes, we haven't heard anything. The thing that we did hear that was discouraging to us was in Fall River, from the beginning of their review till their getting a hard copy on their preliminary certification, was approximately three weeks. Ours is now two months and we're still waiting. What I plan on doing is calling Tom Sweeney on Thursday and if I don't get anywhere, I think at that point I am going to talk to the Mayor to see what he might be able to do. Some action needs to be taken so that we can push this along.

The office Christmas party is December 12 at White's.

We did send out notices to the three residential cases scheduled for December 20, as well as the residential and commercial cases that are on for the 29th of this month. They were sent out certified, return receipt requested for site visits to be arranged. Yesterday, we received the cards back from John M. Lynch, P.C. and Peter Berthiaume. Next week, the Appellate Tax Board Commissioner Rose will be coming down for a site visit at B.H.R. I don't know whether there will be an informal hearing after that. Bert Peltz will also be here.

The main issue right now is to get the Re-val under way. We're going to have an ad in the paper somewhere within the last week of this month, regardless of whether or not we have preliminary certification, indicating that the value books will be in the libraries beginning on December 1 through December 29. We also have a tentative date for the classification hearing in the City Council, and that's for Monday, December 11.

N. Bergeron: Hopefully, we will have certification by next Tuesday morning. I will see if we can't get it on the agenda for late file on the 21, and on that same day go before the Council, because the Council would have to vote a required eight votes in order to change the rules, and we would then attempt to get the classification hearing on for December 4, rather than the December 11. That would just give us more time to get everything done.

Assessor Barney: The reason why we need to go to the Council is because the Council has a rule in effect that there is no meeting on the 1st of the month.

Tomorrow, the Commissioner wants to have a hearing here and everybody will be assembled. There are a number of ways to handle this. He doesn't have to convene. He could conceivably move to have them arbitrated, like we did with Chamberlain.

Now, we will entertain the motion to adjourn for the week.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk