

Board of Assessors

November 21, 2000 - **Minutes**

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PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Marty Treadup, Clerk, Assessor Robert Pacheco, Marianna M. Penha, Recording Clerk.

(Mr. Bergeron is absent today on a regular medical visit)

Guest today: Joan Barney

Meeting called to order at 9:08 A.M.

Assessor Barney: Appellate Tax Board update is that we have not heard anything from John Shiavi yet. We have requested visits of all the properties involved. Not having heard on the cases of the 29th, we expect they will be postponed until some time later.

Bruce Peterson's Greater New Bedford Landlord's Association annual meeting, which the Assessor's attend, will be held on November 27. I have indicated that all three of us will attend.

The annual Bristol County Assessors meeting will be held on November 30 at Venus DeMilo. Please notify Carol Roy if you wish to go.

The annual evaluation review is being done in the office, as it is across City Hall. John Duffy completed his yesterday on the staff that works for him. Carol Roy is doing the ones that work under her. Norman will do the ones that work under him.

Assessor Barney: Supposedly, Tom Sweeney and Brenda Cameron were supposed to be at the Department of Revenue yesterday going over the paperwork that nobody has looked at since we sent it up four weeks ago, which goes to show how delays occur. We did not receive a call from anyone yesterday, so we don't know how to interpret that. Frank Rossi had indicated that he would try to get this to us on time. As soon as we have the Preliminary Certification we intend to turn everything around and go for broke and get it all done before the time period expires for the third quarter bill.

We have one Appellate Tax Board decision on hand and that is from the skating rink. Norman, Bert Peltz and I have discussed this at length. We have until December 4 to appeal this decision and I think that it is incumbent upon the Board to look at the facts of this case individually and decide what they wish to do. Because of the fact that I am going to be at a memorial service on the 28th of December at 9:00 A.M., the feeling was that we should postpone our weekly meeting until Friday, December 1, which would be the last date to make a decision on whether to appeal the decision on the skating rink or send it to the Appeals Court. This will be the main issue discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Bergeron, John Duffy and I did visit 37 Orchard Street on Friday afternoon. This is one of the three residential cases that are pending. Mr. Duffy will review the information that he has and what we observed, and report to the Board as to what action we may wish to take.

Mr. Duffy has also been preparing complete preparation for potential legislation that has not passed on the City's efforts to increase multiple- unit housing and changing to residential housing units in the City. It's a bill that the Governor filed last year, and at the last minute we had to run and do all the paperwork to determine how many buildings have changed from Commercial to Residential and have been upgraded, and this year again, right at the last minute to do it all over again because it didn't pass last year. The reason why you do it is because there is money to come back from the state to the community. If you don't submit the figures, you don't get any money.

I don't have anything else to add today. Mr. Treadup, do you?

Assessor Treadup: I would like to wish everyone on the staff a Happy Thanksgiving to them and their families.

Assessor Barney: From the rest of the Board, we do wish everyone the staff, their families and friends a very happy holiday.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk