

Board of Assessors

December 12 , 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: Tonight is the annual staff Christmas party. It is also the annual classification meeting before the City Council, which begins with a hearing at 7:00 P.M. There was a nice article in yesterday's paper on property values. We are seeing big increases again.

Sales in Banker & Tradesman for the last two weeks are:

Location	Assessed	Sold
27 Anthony Terrace	\$138,800	\$174,900
561 Ashley Blvd	\$104,000	\$134,900
59 Brigham Street	\$132,400	\$139,900
874 County Street	\$84,300	\$97,500
950 Fairfield Street	\$109,300	\$130,500
195 Osborn Street	\$84,600	\$118,000
524 Kirby Street	\$103,900	\$123,300
1174 Sawyer Street	\$96,300	\$130,000
180 Frank Street	\$113,600	\$157,500
389 Harwich Street	\$117,800	\$126,000
209 James Street	\$96,100	\$115,000
334 Ashley Blvd.	\$106,300	\$118,000
256 Caroline Street	\$91,600	\$114,900
57 Ellen Street	\$83,400	\$126,000
30 Liberia Lane	\$104,200	\$136,900
159 Allen Street	\$170,000	\$150,000

Assessor Barney: We received information yesterday from the Department of Revenue on the filing deadlines for abatement applications as per the new legislation. They are not going to make any changes on the writing on the back of the bills regarding postmark. They are advising all Assessors to keep all envelopes, and next year they will revise the

writing on the back. They are saying that the new postmark will apply to applications mailed to the proper address of the Assessors, first class postage prepaid. This also applies to appeals. The applications are still due on February 1.

Mr. Bergeron received a notice on Patriot Properties Ass-Pro users. He will discuss with the people in the office who use it, what they want to do with it.

N. Bergeron: We will have someone as a representative to set up and organize meetings.

Assessor Barney: We are already for tonight's meeting with lots of audiovisual information. The City Solicitor is preparing maps, graphs, posters, & drawings.

Mr. Bergeron, do you have anything to add today?

N. Bergeron: Regarding Appellate Tax Board cases, we still have Bedford Towers and I will be calling John Lynch. The primary adjustment there is on the Towers itself. We have listed as 157 the number of apartments, when actually there are only 117. Hopefully, we will be able to resolve this and get it out of the way.

I will also be calling two of the three residential taxpayers who were scheduled to appear at the Appellate Tax Board. We will make an offer and see if we can settle that. I'm not convinced yet that we are going to the Appellate Tax Board, because we are still waiting on the Classification Hearing. I will either make a call tomorrow and ask to postpone those hearings until Spring, or at least until some later date, and that later date will be beyond January, once we get through the Overvaluation period. It will be either to postpone two or maybe all three, or possibly just one, depending on what the first two decide.

N. Bergeron: We did forward an unsigned package of forms to Barbara Dakin so that she could review the numbers. We have not heard back from her. On the assumption that we will have everything settled and signed and ready to go to Boston, and the disc complete, I will call her and tell her that everything is going in overnight mail, and she will have it by Thursday. I would ask her to please keep us informed and don't let us just sit around with out any communication.

The only matter on the budget is the new server. The price was a little higher than was mentioned to me. It was mentioned about \$3,000 but it looks like it's going to be a fraction over \$4,000. We still have a balance of \$5,400 in the 800 Account.

Regarding the Mutual Gas Station cases, we asked that that be postponed until January 10 because of the problems with the Re-Val. I got a call yesterday from Killeen, and he has no problem with postponement, however January 10 was not good because he was already scheduled for trial, but the 17th would be okay.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our meeting for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? “Aye”

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk