

# ***BOARD OF ASSESSORS***

**May 8, 2003**

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PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Robert Pacheco, Clerk, Assessor Marty Treadup, Carol I. Roy, Acting Administrative Assistant, Recording Clerk, Marianna M. Penha absent.

Meeting called to order at 9:06 A.M.

Assessor Barney: We have the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2003 to approve and accept. Do I hear a motion to accept them as presented?

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

Assessor Barney: Any changes, editions or omissions? Hearing none, all in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have an application for a boat excise abatement for a 18' winner. The taxpayer thinks the boat is unworthy of the value that's on it, but he still has the boat.

Assessor Treadup: Move to deny.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: 136-357 3914 Acushnet Avenue Under Chapter 485, Section 6 the Board voted to offer to settle with an abatement of \$26,800 in value. The taxpayer has accepted the offer and we need a motion to abate as offered and accepted.

Assessor Treadup: Move to approve as offered and accepted.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: Just to give you a little information, in the latest Bristol County figures, one-family homes show a percentage change in the median price from a year ago at this time to now, of 28.79% change to positive, from a median of \$132,000 to a median of \$170,000. If you include condominiums and all sales, it's 29.46%.

Assessor Barney: The Allen Haskell street case comes up on May 14. Everyone, including the abutters has been notified.

We have heard absolutely nothing from the City Council on anything to do with Elderly Exemptions. The Senior Work Program died about a year and a half ago, and never came up again. We had sent over some recommendations on budget changes to counter oppose to the Mayor from what he indicated to us originally, and we have as yet to hear anything about that.

I do understand that the Budget Meeting will not be held tonight, but has been postponed until May 21, which suggests that they are still trying to work it out.

The annual summer affair for the Bristol County Assessors Association will be held on August 15. For the Association meeting on September 25, we are trying to get someone to speak on interim valuations. This will be a full breakfast meeting held in Seekonk. We can probably get 30 to 40 people to attend due to the fact that you can get credits by attending.

Assessor Barney: That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

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Robert Pacheco, Clerk