

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

May 20, 2003

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

Meeting called to order at 9:05 A.M.

Assessor Barney: We need a vote to approve the minutes of May 13, 2003.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

Assessor Barney: Any changes, editions or omissions?

Hearing none, all in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: Sales recorded in Bankers & Tradesmen last week include:

Property Address:	Assessed:	Sold:
772 Ashley Blvd.	\$378,200	\$562,000
27 Borden Street	\$102,900	\$179,000
105-107 Butler St.	\$146,900	\$197,000
289 Coffin Avenue	\$131,100	\$219,900
126 Cottage Street	\$145,500	\$290,000
74 Hathaway Street	\$140,400	\$268,000
586 Kempton Street	\$106,100	\$158,000
140 Laurelwood Drive	\$133,900	\$177,000
774 Rockdale Avenue	\$128,600	\$184,000
1 Stapleton Street	\$158,800	\$299,000
818 Tarkiln Hill Rd.	\$109,200	\$174,500
141 Tremont Street	\$97,100	\$164,300

Assessor Barney: I will update you on the Fleet Bank case for the minutes. We had a motion to dismiss the case because of dual filings by the attorney. The Appellate Tax Board did not grant our motion they denied it. However, using the legal method, the Appellate Tax Board sometimes takes a split decision. They turned around on the attorney in question and while they did not dismiss his case, they did put an order of restrictions upon him.

Assessor Barney: He cannot personally represent this particular taxpayer (in this case Fleet Bank) in front of the Board, or have any hand in any proceedings with the Board. Either Fleet Bank needs to do it alone by them selves or he can hire another attorney to represent them in Massachusetts in front of the Appellate Tax Board. It's a far-reaching case as this attorney has 75 cases pending against the Appellate tax Board. Last week, the Street Committee voted to discontinue Shirley Street for 195 feet, which gives Allan Haskell 5.2 acres of land under horticultural. To get rid of this case because it's outstanding and pending, we have to do two things. We have to vote to include a portion of plot 89 lot 242 of 10,000 square feet and the amount of the discontinued Loftus Street under the original horticultural, since it wasn't actually there when we started this process. We need a motion to do that.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have to do offers to settle these cases under horticultural, and I will read them off with the amount offered to the taxpayer to settle.

89-27 787 Shawmut Avenue offer is \$54,200 in value.

89-199 799 Shawmut Ave. offer is \$44,700 in value.

89-257 777 Shawmut Ave. offer is \$203,800 in value

89-258 811 Shawmut Ave. offer is \$183,300 in value.

89-242 390 Loftus Street offer is \$44,100 in value.

Assessor Treadup: Move to offer to settle.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Assessor Barney: They will end up paying \$10,088.37 on these lots for the year and have a deferral of \$12,845.16.

On a deferral, the lien is recorded at the Registry of Deeds after this is accomplished, and we only have to record the lien once. What is basically being deferred is the value of the land. Buildings and fencing and paving are taxable. I will call Attorney Pina to come in and sign these at which point the Treasurer will notify Mr. Haskell of what he owes, and what will be refunded to him. On another matter, the Chapter 8 of Section 58 request that we sent up to the Department of Revenue regarding the Old Dartmouth Historical Society was denied by the D.O.R.

Assessor Barney: The Mayor has notified everyone about the Early Retirement Program. You have to be able to retire with years and time to be able to accept this, which means ten years of service with the City.

The Mayor's Budget presentation will be tomorrow night around 7:00 P.M. The Mayor will make his presentation to the Council and everyone will get a copy. After that the Council will discuss the tax program. That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor?

"Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Robert Pacheco, Clerk