

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

December 23, 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 9:10 A.M.

Assessor Barney: The Department of Revenue sent back letters that we had sent up to them because they do not like the forms that we used. We sent them the letter from the Mayor signed by the Assessors saying that we request

authority to send third quarter-estimated bills under the legislation that was passed recently. They want to have a letter in the file saying that we requested to send them because of re-valuation that isn't completed. I would like to go on the record to say that the re-valuation is completed, it has been certified by the State and we are not delayed because of that reason. I will pass this letter around to be signed by the Assessors. We already voted to do this on December 2, so a vote is not in order. I want to make it very clear for the record that we are signing this letter because the Department of Revenue requires it for their formality as opposed to the other letter, which is perfectly correct for the situation that we are in. We will sign this letter today and get it back to the Department of Revenue and hopefully they will be willing to accept this along with everything else that we have already sent up. They did accept the letter that was signed by the Mayor and they did accept the vote of the Board, but they just happen to want this particular letter. They have driven Dan Patten wild yesterday with minor changes to a Pro-Forma document, (which is basically an estimate, which would have been good enough,) because they didn't like the way numbers were put on certain parts of the form. I will let Carol address the Board on the circumstances of yesterday.

C. Roy: There were several conversations back and forth between Barbara Dakin, Dan Patten and Myself. I E-mailed back changes on the Pro-Forma and several times during the day I had to change it.

C. Roy: During the latter part of the day, I received a sample of this particular letter that was signed by the Board and the Treasurer's office said that the Board would have to sign it with the option of requesting permission for the bills. The rest of the information with all of the attachments will be sent overnight to the Department of Revenue and I am waiting to hear from Dan Patten on one of the other schedules that is something new this year that the Department of Revenue wanted, and that is that Ron Labelle who is in charge of Waste Water portion on the Re-Cap put his signature on it from now on. Hopefully, when this is done we will get their approval.

Yesterday, Barbara Dakin did sound like she wanted to finalize New Bedford. She has been very cooperative.

Assessor Barney: The way it went yesterday was that we would put the figures in one spot and balance everything nicely, then D.O.R. would call back and say that they didn't like it there and we would then remove it. It didn't change any of the figures. The bottom line figures remained the same.

This is the last meeting of the Board for this calendar year and I would like to take the opportunity of wishing all the members of our staff a very merry Christmas. That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

Robert Pacheco, Clerk