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Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Town Hall, September 1, 1998

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by
Chairperson, Alberta Romano.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Romano,
Mrs. Lina Berry, Mr. Walter Winnowski,
Mr. Jack Kosko, Mr. Rick Blanchette, Mr.
Louis Cervantes (Alternate-arrived at
10:30AM)

MEMBERS ABSENT: There were no absent members.

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff: Mr. Dana Faris, Principal Assessor; Mr. John Warner, Assessing
Department Clerk

MINUTES:

Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Winnowski, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 1998 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS: There were no public statements.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Faris reported on the following recent correspondence sent or received by the Assessors' Office:

1. A copy of a notice from the Board of Selectmen advising that the annual classification hearing will be held on September 14, 1998.
2. A letter from Mr. Faris to Dr. Rick Murray with regard to the building value on his property at 35 Bradford St.
3. A letter from Mr. Faris to Christina Crowe, Trustee of the Union Wharf Condominiums, informing her of the need to file an amendment to the Master Deed of the aforementioned condominiums to account for the demolition of two units in the complex.
4. A letter from Massachusetts Department of Revenue to Ms. Deirdre Maguire, Resort Manager,

Eastwood at Provincetown informing her of the Town's intent to issue a single tax bill for time-share resorts.

5. An invoice from Mr. Faris to Joyce Guide of Helping Our Women accompanying a diskette of Assessing department data.
6. A memo from Mr. Faris to Keith Bergman, Town Manager, regarding the fair market value of a utility easement on the Route 6 median strip for use in the Town's wastewater management system.
7. A memo from Mr. Faris to Keith Bergman, Town Manager, regarding the assessment detail for Cabral's Wharf.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appellate Tax Board Cases Update: Mr. Faris gave a brief update to the Board about the ATB hearings which took place in Provincetown August 18 and 19, 1998. Mr. Faris advised that the remaining cases had been postponed until late October and would be heard in Boston.

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Clause 58, Section 8 Abatements: There were no cases to update for this period.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Abatements: Mr. Warner reported on the following applications for abatement with the following recommendations:

- Fully abate one bill for 1998 which was issued in error.
- Partially abate ten (10) bills for 1997/1998 as a result of sales or trades.
- Deny one application for abatement due to ownership status of vehicle.

Boat Excise Tax Abatements: Mr. Warner reported on the following applications for abatement and recommended that they be granted:

- Partially abate two (2) bills for 1998 resulting from sale of vessel of correction of data.

Discussion of Values for FY'99:

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Neighborhood Codes: Mr. Faris informed the Board that his office had recently divided the town into sixteen neighborhoods and was in the process of assigning neighborhood codes to all properties in town as part of the process of setting values for FY'99.

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Selectmen's Annual Classification Hearing: Mr. Faris advised the Board that the Selectmen had to decide three questions at the Classification Hearing on September 14, 1998, and that a recommendation from the Board of Assessors would probably be very much appreciated.

Classification of Residential/Commercial Tax Rate: Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not classify the tax rate for FY'99. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Residential exemption: Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to recommend that the Board of Selectmen not adopt a residential exemption for FY'99. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Small Commercial Tax Rate Split: Mr. Blanchette moved, seconded by Mr. Winnowski, that the Board of Selectmen not adopt a small commercial exemption for FY'99. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

Board Member Certified: Ms. Romano reported that Mr. Winnowski had completed the assessing classification certification training at UMASS/Amherst on August 13, 1998.

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Assessing Team and Office News: There was no other assessing team or office news that was not fully covered elsewhere in the minutes.

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Future Meeting Dates: There will be a meeting of the Board of Assessors on **Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 10:00 AM.**

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Blanchette moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 AM and the meeting was adjourned.