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Minutes of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Town Hall, October 22, 1998

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by
Chairperson, Alberta Romano.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Romano,
Mr. Walter Winnowski, Mr. Jack Kosko,
Mr. Louis Cervantes (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Lina Berry, Mr. Rick Blanchette

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

MINUTES:

Mr. Winnowski moved, seconded by Mr. Kosko, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 1998 meeting as written. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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 letter from Atty. Mark J. Witkin to Ms. Nancy Egan of the Appellate Tax Board regarding the continuance of the ATB hearings for the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co, dockets F241322, F246477.
2. A copy of Mr. Winnowski's letter of resignation from the Board of Assessors effective November 1, 1998.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appellate Tax Board Cases Update: Mr. Faris reported on the status of the following pending Appellate Tax Board cases.

1. Sateriale, Patricia R., 1 Winston Ave. The signed withdrawal form having been received from the ATB, Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Winnowski, to abate the FY'98 assessed value to \$19,200 in accordance with the terms of the settlement. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
2. Mr. Faris apprised the Board that he has been contacted by Mr. Ciluzzi's attorney regarding five pending ATB cases. After discussion the Board felt that the assessed values for the properties in question were fair. Mr. Kosko moved, seconded by Mr. Winnowski, not to offer any settlement of these pending cases. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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 and recommended that they be granted:

- Fully abate one bill for 1998 that was issued in error to recommit to another town.
- Partially abate nine (9) bills for 1998 due to sales of vehicles.

Mr. Winnowski moved, seconded by Mr. Cervantes, to accept Mr. Warner's recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Boat Excise Tax Abatements: There were no applications for abatement to consider for this period.

Real Property Tax Abatements: There were no applications to consider for this period.

Personal Property Tax Abatements: There were no applications to consider for this period.

New Construction Pro Rata Assessment Statute: Mr. Faris presented the Board with a Bulletin from the Department of Revenue outlining a local-option statute permitting communities to make a pro rata tax assessment on certain parcels with new construction. After discussion, the Board decided not to take any action regarding local adoption of this statute at this time.

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS:

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 **Thursday, December 10, 1998 at 4:00 PM.**

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Winnowski moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:50 PM and the meeting was adjourned.