

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors  
Meeting of July 20, 2006**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, July 20, 2006 in Financial Services Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Chair, Marylou Blaisdell.

**Members Present**

Marylou Blaisdell                      Kevin Moriarty                      Dominic D'Antoni

**Assessing Staff Present**

Angelo Marino                      Robert Lakeman                      Gary Turgiss  
Jeanne Dunfey                      Cheryl Walley

**Minutes of the Meeting:**

Minutes for the meetings held June 29, 2006 and July 13, 2006 were approved unanimously.

**Abatement Requests Presented:**

Approvals/denials are available in the Assessor's Office. Chief Assessor Angelo Marino advised the Board that we are going to try and get the majority of the mailing to them a little sooner, so the Board does not have just the night before to go over the material. He advised it may be a situation where you may not get his summary sheets until the Wednesday before, but the majority of the information will get to the Board before then.

**Staff Items:**

Regarding the Bennett Street property for which the Board received additional material in their packet, Mr. Marino advised we did receive the official abatement request from the taxpayer, Bennett and Prescott, LLC, asking for a reduction in the total amount due. They have formally applied and all the paperwork seems to be in place. He told the Board that he would like to continue discussing this and maybe by next week he can present something more definitive. He has been told by Mr. David Fredette, Tax Collector, they have agreed to pay back \$75,000 the City spent on cleanup which would go back into the revolving fund to be used to clean up more properties. That is money that is appropriated and was started with grants and used to do site assessments or site evaluations. They hire an individual to go in and do testing and based on the certain requirements the City makes that available. The property does qualify for Brownfield. It is on the list of Brownfield Projects which is a special project which allows them to come back anytime and file an abatement based on a special statute. The Board concurred that Mr. Marino should continue discussion and this should be put on a future agenda for the Board's review when Mr. Marino has more definitive information to present.

Dominic D'Antoni, referred to the Board of Aldermen's proposed resolution to pay the appeal fee for all the pending abatements (R-06-67). He asked if it was drawn up by an attorney or did one of the aldermen write it. Mr. Marino said that City Counsel will offer an opinion but will review it simply to ascertain that it complies with existing law. Mr. D'Antoni commented that the ratio which was given to the City of Nashua's assessments by an outside firm, the Department of Revenue Administration, is a pretty good one and yet this is not something that will be printed in the newspaper and said he finds this bothersome. He noted that out of 28,000 parcels, the majority of taxpayers agree with their assessment and less than 5% feel the assessment is incorrect and filed an abatement. 95% of the taxpayers have accepted their assessment and have not submitted an abatement.

**MOTION BY** Dominic D'Antoni to adjourn at 8:30 AM.

**SECONDED BY** Kevin Moriarty.

**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously

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