

**Minutes of the Board of Assessors
Meeting of March 27, 2008**

A meeting of the Board of Assessors was held on Thursday, March 27, 2008 in the Auditorium on the Third Floor at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Chair Marylou Blaisdell.

Members Present

Marylou Blaisdell Kevin Moriarty Dominic D'Antoni

Assessing Staff Present

Angelo Marino Robert Gagne Cheryl Walley

Minutes of the Meeting:

Minutes for the meeting held on March 13, 2008 were approved unanimously.

Appointments: none

Abatement Requests Presented:

Approvals/denials are available in the Assessor's Office.

Chief Assessor Angelo Marino presented a settlement offer for the property located at 44 Simon Street owned by Liberty Simon Street, LLC which Attorney Gerald Pruner is representing. Mr. Marino went over recent sale prices relevant to this parcel and advised the Board that the parcel was overassessed and he believes the settlement reached with Attorney Prunier is a good one. After a brief discussion the Board approved the settlement as presented.

The Board members were each given a copy of the recent BTLA Decision on the 2004 abatement appeal of the May Department Stores and Macy's East, Inc. both anchor stores at the Pheasant Lane Mall. Mr. Marino said he feels these were very well adjudicated and very well appraised. They were both wins for the City. The May Department Stores which was the old Filene's got nothing and failed to prove their burden and for Macy's East, Inc. which is the old Macy's, the appraisal done by the City's appraiser, Mr. Steve Traub, came in less than the equalized assessment and we had stipulated that they were due an abatement, so the BTLA used Mr. Traub's value and equalized that and that was their Decision. The taxpayer's representative, Attorney David Saliba, failed to prove their case and the City prevailed.

The Board was advised that at their request, all future meetings have been moved to the Financial Services Conference Room on the first floor.

MOTION BY Marylou Blaisdell to adjourn at 8:30 AM.

SECONDED BY Dominic D'Antoni.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

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