



## Board of Assessors

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### Minutes

**March 27, 2002**

**6:00P.M. in Room 46**

**Members Present:** Don Rhude, Chairman, and Jim Kotanchik

**Staff Present:** Brian McMullen, Assistant Assessor

**Others Present:** None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board met with members of Acorn Park Condominium regarding the Assessor's decision on denying a broad based abatement for the condo. Both parties presented their opinions and the Board of Assessors decision stood.

The Board met with Kathleen Shimizu of 531 Acorn Park Drive regarding her application for abatement on the FY02 assessment. An abatement was granted based on data corrections.

The Board reviewed and abated various applications for abatement.

The Board signed the state form "Sales Report Submission Summary"

The Board signed any pending "Statutory Exemptions"

The Board signed the lien discharge for Arthur J. Conquest.

The Board read the draft minutes of March 13, 2002 and advised to change the following:

**FROM** The Board received a follow-up letter dated March 10, 2002 from Richard Cremen Chairman, Board of Trustees, of the Acorn Park Condominium Trust regarding the FY02 assessments in Acorn Park. The Board reviewed the memo and took the information under advisement. The Board of Assessors have decided to continue to review the individual timely filed abatement applications and to abate any inaccuracies on the property record card that results in a lower assessment. The Board of Assessors has denied the request for a collective abatement on behalf of the Acorn Park Condominium Trust. The Board suggested that a broad-based reassessment was not the

issue at hand and lowering the assessments in Acorn Park will only create inadequacies in the overall assessment/sales ratio process, which was the determining factor in the establishment of the final values for the homes. Members of the Board mentioned that the process used in determining the assessments for the condominium is in accordance with the Department of Revenues guidelines for uniform assessment practices and is intended to result in full and fair cash values (market value). It is the Boards position that the current overall level of assessment in Acorn Park does reflect fair market value. This is the same procedure that the Department of Revenue uses in certifying the assessments for the Town of Acton for final tax bill issuance.

The Board of Assessors advised staff to send Acorn Park Condominium Trust, a formal letter outlining the above decisions.

**TO** The Board received a follow-up letter dated March 10, 2002 from Richard Cremen Chairman, Board of Trustees, of the Acorn Park Condominium Trust regarding the FY02 assessments in Acorn Park. The Board reviewed the memo and took the information under advisement. The Board of Assessors unanimously agreed they cannot consider a collective abatement on the Acorn Park Condominium. The Board did invite the Acorn Park neighborhood in at a later meeting to discuss their decision. The Board also stated they would continue to review the individual abatement request and act on them independently.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The Board of Assessors have not read or approved these minutes.