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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2013

SALES VOLUME AND REFINANCE ACTIVITY REMAIN SOLID

Plymouth County enjoyed another month of robust real estate activity, with the number of deeds recorded topping 1000 for the first time in recent years, reported Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 1002 deeds in July, bringing the 2013 total to 4,787, slightly ahead of last year's pace. "Last year at this time, we had recorded 4,641 deeds," Buckley reported. "We've seen a long term and sustained improvement in the real estate market."

Prices have also remained relatively steady over the past year. The year-to-date average sale price was reported at \$326,715, up 7% from the average of \$306,673 reported at the seven-month mark in 2012. "Prices continue to creep up further attesting to the perception that we have a seller's market," Buckley noted. "While there is always some fluctuation in the average price from month to month, it has remained relatively steady when comparing where we are now to where we were this time last year."

Plymouth County continues to see the benefits of low interest rates in refinance activity. The Registry of Deeds recorded 2,394 mortgages in July, bringing the year-to-date total to 15,801. During the same seven-month period in 2012, Plymouth County had recorded 15,569 mortgages. "We are seeing consistently good numbers in mortgage volume," Buckley noted. "Borrowers are taking advantage of interest rates that were unimaginable just a couple of years ago."

The Registry of Deeds recorded 52 foreclosure deeds in July, equal to the 52 foreclosure deeds in June. Through the first seven months of the year, Plymouth County recorded 254 foreclosure deeds, representing a 62% decrease over the 666 that were recorded at the seven-month mark in 2012. "We are clearly seeing fewer foreclosure sales in 2013 than we saw in 2012," Buckley observed.

Plymouth County also recorded 51 notices initiating new foreclosures in July, bringing the total for the year to 709. "These numbers continue to provide good news for our region as they have been down all year long," noted Buckley. That figure (709)

represents a 40% decrease from the 1,152 notices recorded during the same period in 2012. Buckley again points to a positive trend over the past year.

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REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY THROUGH JULY 2013
COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2012

All figures are based on sales or mortgages between \$25,000.00 and \$3,000,000.

2013 sales volume: 4,787

2012 sales volume: 4,641

(3% increase)

2013 total sales value: \$1,563,982,620

2012 total sales value: \$1,423,269,986

(10% increase)

2013 average sales price: \$326,715

2012 average sales price: \$306,673

(7% increase)

2013 mortgage volume: 15,801

2012 mortgage volume: 15,569

(1% increase)

2013 average mortgage amount: \$251,268

2012 average mortgage amount: \$245,798

(2% increase)

2013 foreclosure deeds: 254

2012 foreclosure deeds: 666

(62% decrease)

2013 foreclosure notices: 709

2012 foreclosure notices: 1,176

(40% decrease)

Foreclosures and Orders of Notice by Town July 2013

Town	Foreclosure Deeds	Orders of Notice
ABINGTON	3	1
BRIDGEWATER	3	1
BROCKTON	12	18
CARVER	2	1
DUXBURY	0	2
EAST BRIDGEWATER	1	0
HALIFAX	2	2
HANOVER	1	1
HANSON	2	4
HINGHAM	0	1
HULL	1	1
KINGSTON	1	3
LAKEVILLE	0	0
MARION	0	0
MARSHFIELD	3	4
MATTAPOISETT	2	0
MIDDLEBORO	2	1
NORWELL	0	0
PEMBROKE	0	3
PLYMOUTH	11	1
PLYMPTON	0	0
ROCHESTER	0	0
ROCKLAND	0	3
SCITUATE	0	1
WAREHAM	4	2
WEST BRIDGEWATER	0	0
WHITMAN	2	1