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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2018

## POSITIVE TRENDS IN REAL ESTATE BEGIN THE FISCAL YEAR

Plymouth County enjoyed a month of robust real estate activity, with the number of deeds recorded topping 1,100, reported Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. The Registry of Deeds recorded 1,130 deeds in July, bringing the 2018 total to 6,167, slightly ahead last year's pace. "Last year at this time, we had recorded 1,013 deeds in July and 6,008 deeds for the seven months," Buckley reported. "We've seen fairly consistent numbers 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 \$418,894, up 8% from the average of \$386,337 reported at the seven-month mark in 2017. "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."

Mortgages for the month of July were up slightly compared to the number of mortgages recorded at this time last year. Plymouth County reports that it recorded 1,798 mortgages this July, compared to 1,749 mortgages recorded last July. The year-to-date numbers are also close. Thus far Plymouth County has recorded 11,061 mortgages compared to 11,717 mortgages recorded at this time last year. "We are seeing consistent numbers in mortgage volume," Buckley noted.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 37 foreclosure deeds in July. This represents the second fewest foreclosure deeds recorded in 3 years, good news for the County. Thus far this year Plymouth County recorded 336 foreclosure deeds, representing a 12% decrease over the 382 that were recorded at the seven-month mark in 2017. "We are clearly seeing fewer foreclosure sales in 2018, than we saw in 2017," Buckley observed.

Plymouth County recorded 56 notices initiating new foreclosures in July. This represents the second fewest notices sent out in 4 years, again good news for the County. The total number of notices thus far in 2018 is 551, 1% less than the number of notices filed at this time last year when 555 notices were filed. "These numbers continue to provide good news for our region as they have been down all year long," noted Buckley.

As part of our ongoing effort to share with the public some of America's earliest records, on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Registry will display an original Plymouth Colony record that sets forth an Agreement for the colonists to purchase from the sachem Paupmunnucke much of what is today Barnstable, including the beautiful Cape Cod summer resort at Wianno. On May 17, 1648, it was agreed that Myles Standish would purchase on behalf of the colonists the land in Barnstable, except 30 acres which were reserved for "Paupmunnucke ... and his brother and associates ... for and in consideration of 2 brasse kittells and one bushell of Indian corn, ... allso, one halfe part of ... fence as will fence in the thirty acres...." See Court Orders, Vol. II, pg. 173-174. The Plymouth Colony Records, Storage and Reading Room is located on the second floor of the Plymouth County Registry building at 50 Obery Street, Plymouth. Call Lorna Green-Baker at (508) 830-9290 for further information.

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### REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY THROUGH JULY 2018 COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2017

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

2018 sales volume: 6,167

2017 sales volume: 6,008

(3% increase)

2018 total sales value: \$2,583,319,685

2017 total sales value: \$2,321,110,060

(11% increase)

2018 average sales price: \$418,894

2017 average sales price: \$386,337

(8% increase)

2018 mortgage volume: 11,061

2017 mortgage volume: 11,717

(6% decrease)

2018 average mortgage amount: \$285,807

2017 average mortgage amount: \$279,435

(2% increase)

2018 foreclosure deeds: 336

2017 foreclosure deeds: 382

(12% decrease)

2018 foreclosure notices: 551

2017 foreclosure notices: 555

(1% decrease)

# Foreclosures and Orders of Notice July 2018

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<b>Town</b>	<b>Foreclosure Deeds</b>	<b>Orders of Notice</b>
ABINGTON	1	7
BRIDGEWATER	3	1
BROCKTON	6	10
CARVER	2	1
DUXBURY	0	2
EAST BRIDGEWATER	0	0
HALIFAX	1	3
HANOVER	0	0
HANSON	1	0
HINGHAM	0	0
HULL	1	0
KINGSTON	0	1
LAKEVILLE	0	0
MARION	1	0
MARSHFIELD	2	2
MATTAPOISETT	0	0
MIDDLEBORO	2	3
NORWELL	0	0
PEMBROKE	0	4
PLYMOUTH	7	7
PLYMPTON	1	0
ROCHESTER	0	0
ROCKLAND	0	2
SCITUATE	1	4
WAREHAM	5	8
WEST BRIDGEWATER	2	1
WHITMAN	1	0