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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR JUNE 2016

## SALES & MORTGAGES ARE UP AT THE CLOSE OF THE FIRST HALF OF 2016

The month of June provided the Registry with its busiest month of the first half of the year, just as it did the previous two years. Plymouth County recorded 1,173 deeds in June. Plymouth County recorded 1,037 deeds last June, 1,129 deeds in July, and 1,009 deeds in August, 2015. "Hopefully 2016 will continue to provide us with equally robust sales this July and August and throughout the year," said Plymouth County Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. The June sales brought the 2016 total year to date to 4,839 deeds, 24% more than the 3,903 deeds recorded in the first half of 2015.

Last month 2,178 mortgages were recorded in Plymouth County - the most recorded in a single month since July, 2013, when 2,394 mortgages were recorded. Plymouth County recorded 10,806 mortgages thus far in 2016. This represents a 5% increase over the number of mortgages recorded in the first half of 2015, when 10,302 mortgages were recorded. The average mortgage amount showed virtually no change. In 2015, the average mortgage amount was \$268,529. In 2016, the average mortgage amount was \$268,779.

Foreclosure activity continues to rise. Plymouth County recorded 645 notices initiating new foreclosures compared to 496 notices in the first half of 2015. This represents a 30% increase in foreclosure notices compared to last year at this time. The foreclosure notice numbers remain far below the numbers in 2012, when 981 foreclosure notices had been recorded by this time.

The foreclosure sales numbers also increased in the first half of 2016, compared to last year at this time. Plymouth County recorded 354 foreclosure deeds over the course of the first six months of this year, up 37% from the 259 foreclosure deeds recorded in the first half of 2015. Again, these numbers remain significantly below the 2012 foreclosure activity when 981 foreclosure sales were recorded by this time.

As part of our ongoing effort to share with the public some of America's earliest records, on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Registry will display the original Plymouth Colony record of one of the earliest elections of governor in our country. In 1632, Edward Wynslow was elected governor of Plymouth Colony "and was

sworne to administer justice ... for the yeare to come.” In addition Captain Myles Standish, John Alden, William Bradford and others were elected to “the Councill”. See Volume 1, pg. 1 of Court Orders of 1633-1651. 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.

If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly report by e-mail, please contact Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy H. White at [white@plymouthdeeds.org](mailto:white@plymouthdeeds.org).

### REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY THROUGH JUNE 2016 COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2015

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

2016 sales volume: 4,839

2015 sales volume: 3,903

(24% increase)

2016 total sales value: \$1,753,126,746

2015 total sales value: \$1,390,812,513

(26% increase)

2016 average sales price: \$362,291

2015 average sales price: \$356,344

(2% increase)

2016 mortgage volume: 10,806

2015 mortgage volume: 10,302

(5% increase)

2016 average mortgage amount: \$268,779

2015 average mortgage amount: \$268,529

(0% increase)

2016 foreclosure deeds: 354

2015 foreclosure deeds: 259

(37% increase)

2016 foreclosure notices: 645

2015 foreclosure notices: 496

( 30% increase)