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REPORT OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2005

2005 CLOSES OUT QUIETLY!

Barnstable County Register of Deeds, John F. Meade, reports that the **volume of real estate sales in December 2005 was down 20.7% from December 2004 volume** and the **total value of sales was down 18.6%** from the previous year. The average **individual property sale value was up 2.6%** from the previous year. **There was a 10.8% decrease in the volume of mortgage activity from December 2004 levels.**

Year to Date: Sales Volume is down 9.3%; Total Sales Value is down 4.4%; Individual sales value is up 5.4%; Mortgage volume is down 11.3%.

Register Meade reports that there were **518** deeds recorded at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds in **December 2005** with stated sales values between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00, representing a stated value of **\$192,307,786.00** in county-wide real estate sales.

Based on all property sales valued between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00, the average sale price of property in Barnstable County in **December** was **\$371,250.00**.

There were **2,319** mortgages recorded with values between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 in **December** with a total value of **\$490,202,584.00**. The average mortgage amount, commercial, residential or other, was **\$211,385.00**.

By way of comparison, there were **653** deeds recorded at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds in **December 2004** with stated sales values between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00, representing a stated value of **\$236,289,327.00** in county-wide real estate sales.

Based on all property sales valued between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00, the average sale price of property in Barnstable County in **December 2004** was **\$361,852.00**.

There were **2,601** mortgages recorded with values between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 in **December 2004** with a total value of **\$555,217,881.00**. The average mortgage amount, commercial, residential or other, was **\$213,463.00**.

**REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY THROUGH DECEMBER 2005
AS COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2004.**

All figures are based on sales or mortgages between \$25,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00.

2005 sales volume: **7,767**

2004 sales volume: **8,561**

2005 total sales value: **\$2,988,503,190.00**

2004 total sales value: **\$3,126,289,981.00**

2005 average sales price: **\$384,769.00**

2004 average sales price: **\$365,178.00**

2005 mortgage volume: **29,502**

2004 mortgage volume: **33,249**

2005 total mortgage value: **\$6,511,583,105.00**

2004 total mortgage value: **\$6,700,026,838.00**

2005 average mortgage amount: **\$220,717.00**

2004 average mortgage amount: **\$201,511.00**

**TRAILING TWELVE MONTHS AVERAGE SALES VALUE:
(sales values between \$25,000 and \$1,000,000)**

M/Y	Value	% Differential/prior month
Jan 2005:	\$378,446.00	+4.6%
Feb 2005:	\$354,748.00	- 6.3%
Mar 2005:	\$369,662.00	+4.2%
Apr 2005:	\$379,455.00	+2.7%
May 2005:	\$385,720.00	+1.7%
June 2005:	\$397,854.00	+3.1%
July 2005:	\$393,473.00	-1.1%
Aug 2005:	\$395,739.00	+0.5%
Sept 2005:	\$391,932.00	-1%
Oct 2005:	\$390,158.00	-0.5%
Nov 2005:	\$386,097.00	-1%
Dec 2005:	\$371,250.00	-3.8%