

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

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PRESENT: Chair Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessor; Pamela Davis, MAA (to join late), Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Secretary & Principal Assessor, Delfino Garcia

Present via Zoom: Chair Ronnie Manzone; Board of Assessor Pamela Davis; Board of Assessor Ellis Withington; and Secretary & Principal Assessor Delfino Garcia

This meeting was videotaped on Cable Access and Zoom meeting applications.

MEETING TO COME TO ORDER:

RONNIE: Chair Ronnie Manzone read the following statement:

"This Open Meeting of the Fairhaven Board of Assessors is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will allow public comment related to the posted agenda items only. For this meeting, Fairhaven Board of Assessors is convening by telephone conference/video conference via Zoom App as posted on the Town's Website identifying how the public may join."

Call to order and reading of Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 10(F).

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, any person may make an audio or video recording of this public meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium. Attendees are therefore

advised that such recordings or transmissions are being made whether perceived or unperceived by those present and are deemed acknowledged and permissible.

CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:

RONNIE: Can I have a motion from the board to open the session and call the meeting to order.

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second? Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL.

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond that you are present and in favor to the motion to call the meeting to order by stating "Aye":*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

RONNIE: Announcing minutes will be taken by Delfino Garcia, Secretary & Principal Assessor is present.

Please confirm and state your name:

Aye....Delfino Garcia

RONNIE: The Chair will call the meeting to order of the Board of Assessors and the time right now is 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES:

RONNIE: Can I have motion from the board to disperse the reading of the minutes of the January 12, 2020 meeting to be posted on the Assessor's Website.

Motion made by: Eliss Withington

Any seconded: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

Hearing none we will now have a **ROLL CALL.**

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond with Aye in favor to the motion:*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to sign the meeting minutes of January 12, 2021.

BILLS PAYABLE:

RONNIE: The following invoices were reviewed by the board.

a. Staples - \$11.99

b. BCAA Annual Dues - \$150.00

RONNIE: Can I have motion from the board to accept the incurred expenses:

Motion made by: Ellis Withinton

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

Hearing none we will now have a **ROLL CALL**.

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond Aye in favor to the motion:*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to accept and sign the incurred expenses to date.

WARRANTS:

RONNIE: The following Warrants require review and approval:

a. Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise - Commitment #1 - \$1,577,631.89

b. Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise - Commitment #7 - \$13,014.88

RONNIE: Can I have motion from the board to accept the Warrants:

Motion made by: Ellis Withinton

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

Hearing none we will now have a **ROLL CALL**.

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond Aye in favor to the motion:*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to accept and sign the Warrants to date.

MONTH END REPORTS:

RONNIE: The following Month End Reports of abatements and exemption to be signed:

- a. Real Estate Exemptions - Batch January 22 - \$1,575.00
- b. Real Estate Abatements - Batch Jan#1 - \$1,341.33
- c. Real Estate Abatements - Batch Feb FY19 - \$1,111.81

RONNIE: Can I have motion from the board to accept the Month End Report:

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

Hearing none we will now have a **ROLL CALL**.

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond Aye in favor to the motion:*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to accept and sign the Month End Reports to date.

BETTERMENTS:

THERE ARE NO BETTERMENTS

CORRESPONDENCE:

RONNIE: CAI sent the Tax Map Maintenance Proposal to be signed for FY2022

The Overlay Surplus Memo To Wendy Graves requires signature

NEW BUSINESS:

RONNIE:

1. We have received 34 Real Estate and 6 Personal Property abatement applications for FY21.
2. Recommending to grant 10 abatement applications and deny 12 abatement applications.

OLD BUSINESS:

RONNIE: None

EXEMPTIONS: RONNIE: The following exemptions will be reviewed by the Board of Assessors and will be in Executive Session:

Veteran Exemption 22 - 1 to review in Executive Session

Senior 41C - 1 to review in Executive Session

CHAPTER LAND:

RONNIE: We will review the following in the Executive Session:

240 Alden Road

ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS REVIEW:

Any abatements to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors will be in Executive Session.

FY21 Abatements received to date:

Real Estate – 34 Personal Property – 6 Total to date: 40

Acted on – There will be 16 to be reviewed.

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:

RONNIE: ATB cases to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors will be in Executive Session.

Current open ATB cases – 21 On the docket for hearing: 2/23/21 – 4 cases and 6 cases on the docket for hearing on March 16th, 2021

NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RONNIE: The next Board of Assessors will be: March 9, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.

PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RONNIE: Prior to the Board of Assessors entering into Executive session, we will be discussing the following items:

1. To review and discuss the 4 Exemptions mentioned previously.
2. To review and discuss the 8 ATB Cases scheduled for hearings on February 23rd, 2021 mentioned previously.
3. 16 Real Estate abatement application to review

Other subjects of discussion or correspondence unable to be put on the agenda within the 48 hour rule will be discussed in the Executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A ss 21(A): ADJOURNMENT

RONNIE: Can I have a motion to adjourn the open session and enter in Executive Session and not return to Open Session pursuant to MGL c30A section 21(A)(7) and to review ATB matters pursuant to G.L. 30A section 21(a)(3) since discussion in public would be detrimental to the Town of Fairhaven Board of Assessors legal position.

RONNIE: Do I hear a motion:

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

Hearing none we will now have a **ROLL CALL**.

RONNIE: *When I state your name please respond with Aye in favor to the motion:*

Ellis Withington Aye

Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

RONNIE: We will now go into the Executive Session and the time right now is 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

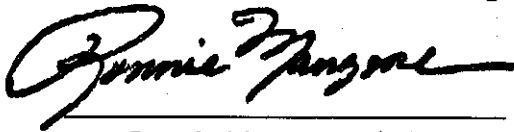
Delfino R. Garcia

Principal Assessor

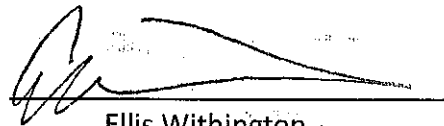
Secretary

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Ronnie Manzone, Chair
Board of Assessors

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Ellis Withington
Board of Assessors