

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2021

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PRESENT: Chair Pamela Davis, MAA, Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Secretary & Principal Assessor, Delfino Garcia. Ronnie Manzone had an excused medical absence.

Present via Zoom: Chair Pamela Davis, MAA; 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:

PAM: Chair Pamela Davis 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:

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

Motion made by: Ellis

Any second? Pam

Any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL.

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

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

Please confirm and state your name:

Aye....Delfino Garcia, Secretary & Principal Assessor

PAM: The Chair will call the meeting to order of the Board of Assessors and the time right now is 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES:

PAM: Can I have motion from the board to disperse the reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting to be posted on the Assessor's Website.

Motion made by: Ellis

Any seconded: Pam

Any discussions: None

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

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to sign the meeting minutes of March 9, 2021.

BILLS PAYABLE:

PAM: The following bills to review for approval:

1. Del Garcia - MLS reimbursement - \$87.00
2. Del Garcia - Mileage reimbursement - \$10.65

PAM: Can I have motion from the board to accept the bill to be paid.

Motion made by: Ellis

Any second: Pam

Any discussions: None

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

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to accept and sign the Bills to date.

WARRANTS:

NONE

MONTH END REPORTS:

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

- a. RE Exemptions - Batch March #2 - \$1,311.38
- b. Motor Vehicle Abatements - Batch March #2 - \$3,276.75
- c. Motor Vehicle Abatements - Batch March #3 - \$4,062.36
- d. Boat Abatements - Batch BoatsMar2021 - \$68.00
- e. RE Exemptions - Batch April #1 - \$1,309.12
- f. RE Abatements - Batch Simmons - \$1,367.73
- g. Motor Vehicle Abatements - Batch April#8 - \$2,733.05
- h. Motor Vehicle Abatements - Batch April18 - \$826.40
- i. Boat Abatements - Batch April2021 - \$62.00

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

Motion made by: Ellis

Any second: Pam

Any discussions: None

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

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

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

BETTERMENTS: The following betterments were paid in full and require signatures:

1. 28 Calumet Road - \$3,000.17
2. 41 Seaview Avenue - \$3,007.02
3. 58 Grandview Avenue - \$3,009.43
4. 24 Smith Street - \$3,011.45
5. 19 Sunrise Court - \$3,018.29
6. 40 Nancy Street - \$2,641.53
7. 274 Sconticut Neck Rd - \$2,122.32

PAM: Can I have motion from the board to accept the betterments:

Motion made by: Ellis

Any second: Pam

Any discussions: None

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

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

So moved to accept and sign the betterments to date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo to Town Accountant - Authorized Signatures

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

To discuss the following tabled personal property abatements to be discussed in executive session:

PP #1 - Fresenius Medical Care (216 Huttleston Ave)

PP #3 - NStar Electric - Various Locations

PP #4 - NStar Electric - Various Locations

PP #5 - HiGi SH LLC - Various Locations

PP #6 - Project Grow - 135 Alden Road

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

Tax Deferral (9 Grove St) First time applicant	-	to review in Executive Session
VA22 (207 Farmfield CT) First time applicant	-	to review in Executive Session
VA22 (4 Forestview Dr.) First time applicant	-	to review in Executive Session
VA22 (30 Bay St.) First time applicant	-	to review in Executive Session
17D (12 Hope Ave.) First time applicant	-	to review in Executive Session

CHAPTER LAND: None

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

To date the board decided on the following abatements:

Granted - 22 Denied - 12

Acted on – 2 approved and 4 deemed denied

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:

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

There were 25 cases in ATB

Current open are 5 ATB cases

There are no hearings at ATB until May 25th, 2021 and there will be 3 cases.

19 have settled prior to ATB hearings before the Commissioner

One case was settled at ATB based on the Commissioner's decision in favor of the taxpayer.

NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PAM: The next Board of Assessors will be: May 11, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.

PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. To review and discuss the Exemptions mentioned previously.
2. To review and discuss the ATB Cases scheduled for hearings mentioned previously.
3. Real Estate abatement application to review
4. Meeting with owner of 476 Sconticut Neck Road on Zoom in Executive Session

5. Meeting with owner of 1 Stetson Ave on Zoom in Executive Session

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

PAM: 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.

PAM: Do I hear a motion:

Motion made by: Ellis

Any second: Pam

Any discussions: None

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

Pamela Davis Aye

Ellis Withington Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 0

PAM: We will now go into the Executive Session and the time right now is 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

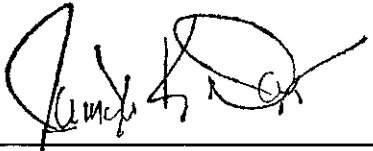
Delfino R. Garcia

Principal Assessor

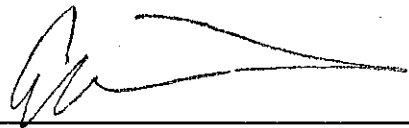
Secretary

Notary Public

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Pamela Davis, MAA
Board of Assessors



Ellis B. Withington
Board of Assessors