

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

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PRESENT: Chair Ronnie Manzone; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Secretary & Principal Assessor, Delfino Garcia

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

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

MEETING TO COME TO ORDER:

Chair reads 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.

CHAIR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:

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

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second? Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL.

CHAIR: *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 2

Announcing minutes will be taken by Delfino Garcia, Secretary & Principal Assessor.

Please confirm and state your name:

Aye....Delfino Garcia

The Chair will call the meeting in order of the Board of Assessors and the time right now is 6:10 p.m.

MINUTES:

Can I have motion from the board to table the reading of the minutes of the May 11, 2021 and not to be posted on the Assessor's Website.

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any seconded: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

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

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 2

So moved to table the meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 to July 13, 2021.

BILLS PAYABLE:

The following invoices were reviewed by the board.

- a. Patriot Properties - AP5 upgrade - \$28,500

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

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

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

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 2

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

WARRANTS:

None

MONTH END REPORTS:

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

- a. MVX Abatements - \$910.15
- b. Boat Abatements - \$178.00
- c. MVX Abatements - \$3581.63 (inserted)

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

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

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

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 2

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

BETTERMENTS:

The following betterments were paid in full and require signatures:

1. 182 Cottonwood Street - \$848.81

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

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

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

Ellis Withington AYE

Ronnie Manzone AYE

All in favor of the motion 2 to 2

So moved to accept and sign the betterments to date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

EXEMPTIONS:

None

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:

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

There were 31 cases in ATB

6 ATB cases are currently pending

24 have settled prior to ATB hearings before the Commissioner

1 have settled at ATB before Commissioner

There are no hearings at ATB in July and August.

NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Assessors will be: July 13, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.

PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

1. New ATB cases to present to the board.

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

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.

Do I hear a motion: So moved

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second: Ronnie Manzone

Any discussions: None

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

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 2

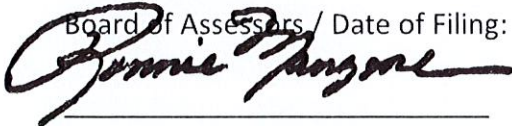
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Respectfully submitted:

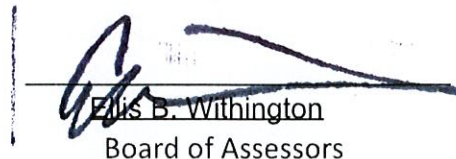


Delfino R. Garcia
Principal Assessor
Secretary
Notary Public

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Ronnie Manzone
Board of Assessors



Ellis B. Withington
Board of Assessors