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Massachusetts  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Meeting Minutes

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**PRESENT:** Chair Ronnie Manzone; Board of Assessor Pamela Davis, MAA - Excused; Board of Assessor Ellis Withington; and Secretary Delfino Garcia

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

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

Chair Ronnie Manzone opened the meeting at 5:04 pm and 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."

**CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

I, Ronnie Manzone, Chair made a motion to open session

Do I hear a motion from the board? Ellis Withington made a motion.

Any second? Ronnie Manzone made a motion to second it.

All in favor? Ellis Withington I'd the motion.

All in favor? Ronnie Manzone I'd the motion as well.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated Roll call in favor: 2 to 0

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative to call the meeting to order:

**State each member's name:**

Ellis Withington responded here and in favor of motion to call the meeting to order.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated he is present and in favor to motion to call the meeting to order.

All in favor of the motion? Ellis Withington said "I" as well as the Chair Ronnie Manzone said "I".

Chair Ronnie Manzone called the meeting to order of the Board of Assessors.

Announcing minutes were being taken by Delfino Garcia, Secretary and stated present and affirmative as an "I".

**MINUTES:**

I, Chair Ronnie Manzone, do I hear a motion to disperse the reading of the minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting to be posted on the Assessor's Website.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated does he hear a motion from the board? Motion made by Ellis Withington to move to disperse the reading of the minutes since they will be posted on the Assessor's website.

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that motion

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated all in favor of the motion? Ellis Withington stated "I".

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that motion as an "I".

Chair made a roll call vote in present and in favor, Chair stated present and in favor.

Ellis Withington stated present and in favor.

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Chair stated if there were any discussion? Ellis Withington responded as a no.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated if no discussion, so moved to sign the meeting minutes of July 16, 2020

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:**

I, Chair Ronnie Manzone, do I hear a motion to accept the Executive Minutes of July 16, 2020 and disperse the reading of the Executive Minutes of the July 16, 2020 Executive Session which you have read before you.

Motion made by Ellis Withington to move to accept the executive session minutes.

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that motion

Roll call vote:

Chair Ronnie Manzone called Ellis Withington and responded in favor and present.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated Roll Call Vote and in favor.

All in favor of the motion? Ellis Withington stated "I"

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Chair stated if there were any discussion? Ellis Withington responded with a no.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated if there is no discussion, so move to sign the executive minutes of July 16, 2020.

**BILLS PAYABLE:**

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated the following invoices to be reviewed and accepted by the Board of Assessors.

Ellis made a motion to wait for Pamela Davis, Board of Assessors to be present for the approval of the expenses.

At this time comments Ellis Withington made prior to going into the Executive Session below in this report we will address the expenditures.

Chair Ronnie Manzone second said motion from Ellis Withington.

Staples - \$135.15

Patriot Properties - \$1,950.00

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated does he hear a motion approve the bills payable?

Ellis Withington moved to approve those expenditures.

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that.

Roll call vote Chair Ronnie Manzone in favor.

Ellis Withington stated in favor.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated it made it unanimous in favor of roll call (2-0)

**MONTH END REPORTS:**

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated the following Month End Reports of abatements and exemption to be signed by the Board of Assessors:

MVX Abatements - Batch August #1 - \$7,498.47

Boat Abatements - Batch August 1 - \$38.00

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated does he hear a motion from the Board to accept the Month End Reports?

Ellis Withington made the motion to accept the abatements of the Month End Reports. \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that motion.

Roll call vote:

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated present and in favor.

Ellis Withington responded present and in favor.

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Chair stated if there were any discussion? Ellis Withington responded with a no.

All in favor of the motion? Ellis Withington stated "I"

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded it as an "I".

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Chair stated if there were any discussion? None were made from the board.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated if there is no discussion, so move to accept and the signing of the abatements and Month End Reports.

**NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Board of Assessors will be: September 17, 2020 @ 5:00 PM.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**WARRANTS:**

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated the following Warrants to be committed for collection to be signed by the Board of Assessors:

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise - Commitment #4 - \$83,930.75

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise - Re-Commitment - \$210.19

Betterment Payoff - Map 28B, Lot410 - \$3,662.02

Betterment Payoff - Map 29C, Lot407 - \$3,663.01

Betterment Payoff - Map 29C, Lot 110 - \$3,665.43

Betterment Payoff - Map 28B, Lot 329 - \$3,672.19

Betterment Payoff - Map 29B, Lot 096 - \$3,672.68

Betterment Payment - Map 29A, Lot 127 - \$1,200.00

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated does he hear a motion?

Ellis Withington made the motion to accept those commitments.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated "I" and seconded that motion.

All in favor of the motion? Ellis Witington stated "I" present and in favor.

Chair Ronnie Manzone called for a roll call vote in favor.

Ellis Withington responded in favor.

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

**CHAPTER LAND:**

Any Chapter Land renewals or new applications to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors will be in Executive Session.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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

### **APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:**

Any ATB cases to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors will be in Executive Session. Waiting for a new Docket Hearing schedule from the Appellate Tax Board (ATB).

Chair Ronnie Manzone at this point before going into the Executive Session to wait for Pamela Davis, Board of Assessor. Ellis Withington stated at this point we should go back up to the expenditures and dispense with it and approve it.

### **PRIOR TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Prior to the Board of Assessors will enter in Executive session to discuss the following items:

1. Discuss 4 Plaza Way - Citizens Bank
2. Open Meeting Law Complaint filed against the BOA to the Attorney General
3. CADMUS - Potential Analysis of solar panels on municipal/exempt buildings
4. Discuss Seaport Inn & Marina - 110 Middle Street
5. Review ATB cases on the docket for hearings in September - 9 cases

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**

Go into Executive Session:

I, Ronnie Manzone, Chair, make a motion to adjourn the open session and enter in Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A section 21(A) purpose number 7 to go into Executive Session and not return to Open Session.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated before we go into Executive Session they will be discussing the following:

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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.

Chair Ronnie Manzone stated does he here a motion from the Board to go into Executive Session and not return to Open Session?

Ellis Withington made the motion to move to go into the Executive Session.

Chair Ronnie Manzone seconded that motion.

All in favor of the motion? Ellis Wittington stated "I"

Roll call vote:

Chair Ronnie Manzone in favor.

Ellis Withington stated he is in favor.

Chair stated Ellis Withington is here and in favor.

Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Chair Ronnie Manzone states they will now go into the Executive Session; the time right now is 5:16 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board of Assessors reviewed the following in Executive Session: Abatements; Appellate Tax Board cases; Exemptions and other business:

Discussions were recorded in the Executive Session.


**Adjourned:**

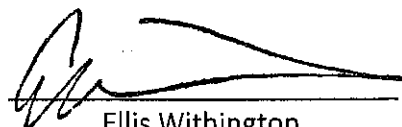
The meeting was adjourned at: 5:16 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Delfino R. Garcia  
Principal Assessor  
Notary Public

Board of Assessors / Date of Filing: October 22, 2020

  
Ronnie Manzone, Chair  
Board of Assessors

  
Ellis Withington  
Board of Assessors