

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

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PRESENT: Secretary, Delfino Garcia read the following: Present at this meeting are the following: Acting Chair Pamela Davis, MAA, Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Principal Assessor Delfino Garcia as Secretary for the Board of Assessors and Ronnie Manzone, excused.

Secretary, Delfino Garcia read the following: Present at this meeting via ZOOM are the following: Acting Chair Pamela Davis, MAA, Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Principal Assessor Delfino Garcia as Secretary for the Board of Assessors.

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

MEETING TO COME TO ORDER:

The Acting Chair read the following statement:

"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, the Fairhaven Board of Assessors is convening by telephone conference/video conference via the 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).

Secretary Delfino Garcia read the following statement:

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 Withington

Any second? Pamela Davis

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 of the motion to call the meeting to order by stating "Aye":*

Ellis Withington AYE

Pamela Davis 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: 00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Pamela Davis motioned to the board to disperse the reading of the minutes and executive minutes of the May 11, 2021 meetings to be posted on the Assessor's Website. As for the June 8, 2021 minutes, they will be tabled since Ms. Davis was not present at said meeting.

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any seconded: Pamela Davis

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

Pamela Davis AYE

All in favor of the motion 2 to 2

So moved to sign the meeting minutes of June 8, 2021 and the May 11th, 2021 minutes are tabled to the next meeting.

BILLS PAYABLE:

The following invoices were reviewed by the board.

- a. Staples - \$77.93 (Encumbered) - APPROVED
- b. Del Garcia - June Mileage - \$9.63- APPROVED
- c. MLS Fees - \$87.00- APPROVED
- d. Patriot Properties - \$9,000 (Encumbered)- **NOT APPROVED**
 - i. ***Need amount of building permits given to the appraiser***
 - ii. ***Need amount completed to date on a weekly basis.***

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

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second: Pamela Davis

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

Pamela Davis 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 exemptions to be signed:

- a. MVX Abatements - \$10,360.92 - APPROVED
- b. MVX Abatements - \$3,853.51 - APPROVED
- c. Boat Excise Abatements - \$223.00 - APPROVED
- d. MVX Abatements - \$3,365.70 - APPROVED

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

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second: Pamela Davis

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

Pamela Davis 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. 8 Gull Island Rd - \$850.05 - APPROVED
2. 23 Eaton Rd - \$3,045.27 - APPROVED
3. 21 Golf Street - \$3,049.30 - APPROVED

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

Motion made by: Ellis Withington

Any second: Pamela Davis

Any discussions: None

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

Ellis Withington AYE

Pamela Davis 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:

(1) VA22E Exemption Request to be discussed in Executive session

It was a no vote on the real estate abatement form, the applicant submitted it on the wrong form. The board wants the applicant to complete another 22E form and resubmit it for the board's review at the next meeting.

Can I have a motion from the board to accept the exemption recommendation:

Motion made by: Ellis B. Withington

Any second: Pamela Davis

Any discussions: None

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

Ellis Withington AYE

Pamela Davis AYE

All in favor of the motion 2 to 2

So moved to accept a no vote on the 22E exemption as recommended to submit another 22e form to be completed.

CHAPTER LAND:

None

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:

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

6 ATB cases are currently pending

There are 2 ATB hearings on August 30th, 2021 to be discussed in Executive Session.

NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Assessors will be: August 10, 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. The 2 ATB hearings on August 30th, 2021 to be discussed in Executive Session.
2. (1) VA22 Exemption Request to be discussed 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

Can I have a motion to adjourn the open session and enter into 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 Withington

Any second: Pamela Davis

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

Pamela Davis AYE

All in favor of the motion 2 to 2

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

Respectfully submitted:

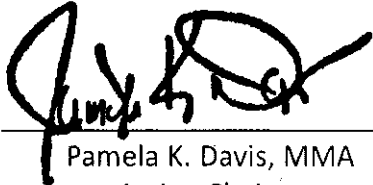
Delfino R. Garcia

Principal Assessor

Secretary

Notary Public

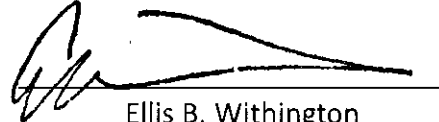
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Pamela K. Davis, MMA

Acting Chair

Board of Assessors



Ellis B. Withington

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