

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

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

Secretary, Delfino Garcia read the following: Present at this meeting via Zoom are the following: Chair Ronnie Manzone, Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Principal Assessor Delfino Garcia as Secretary for the Board of Assessor.

MEETING TO COME TO ORDER:

The 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? 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 of 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:

Delfino Garcia....Aye

The Chair will call the meeting in order of the Board of Assessors and the time right now is 6:04 p.m.

MINUTES:

Ronnie Manzone motioned to the board to disperse the reading of the minutes and executive minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting to be posted on the Assessor's Website. The July 20, 2021 minutes were tabled to the September meeting.

Motion made by: Ellis 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 sign the meeting minutes of June 8, 2021 and to table the July 20, 2021 minutes to September meeting.

BILLS PAYABLE:

The following invoices were reviewed by the board.

NONE

WARRANTS:

The following warrants require review and approval:

- a. 2021 MV Excise Commitment #3
Valuation: \$6,144,931.66
Tax: \$91,547.02
Total Bills: 658
Bill Date: August 9th, 2021

Can I have a motion from the board to approve the warrant:

Motion made by: Ellis 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 approve the Warrant.

MONTH END REPORTS:

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

- a. MV Excise Abatements
Batch: August #1
Date: August 3, 2021
MV Tax Levy 2020: \$427.21
MV Tax Levy 2021: \$3,820.58
For a Grand Total of: \$4,247.79

Can I have a 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**.

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:

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from July 28,2021 Bulkley Richardson Attorney at Law who represents NStar Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy vs. Board of Assessors of the Town of Fairhaven filing 2 ATB cases with the Appellate Tax Board which are to be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

EXEMPTIONS:

1 VA(22E) - Late application to be discussed in Executive Session - Approved

1 Commission for the blind - excise tax exemption to be discussed in Executive Session - the board approved the commission for the blind but not the excise tax exemption.

CHAPTER LAND:

None

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:

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

2 new ATB cases filed by NSTAR Electric Company for FY21 to be discussed in Executive Session.

8 ATB cases are currently pending

NOTES and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Assessors will be: September 21, 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 VA(22E) - Late application

1 Commission for the blind - excise tax exemption

2 new ATB cases filed by NSTAR Electric Company for FY21

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.

Motion made by: Ellis 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

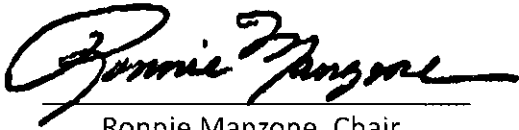
Ronnie Manzone Aye

All in favor of the motion 2 to 2

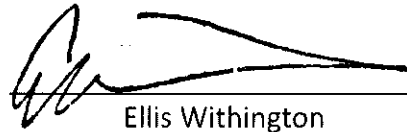
We will now go into the Executive Session and the time right now is 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Delfino R. Garcia
Principal Assessor
Secretary
Notary Public
Board of Assessors / Date of Filing: September 21, 2021



Ronnie Manzone, Chair
Board of Assessors



Ellis Withington
Board of Assessors