

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022

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In attendance at the meeting: Chair Ronnie Manzone - Board of Assessor; Co-Chair Pamela Davis, MAA, Board of Assessor; Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor; and Secretary & Principal Assessor, Delfino Garcia

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

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 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.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Do I hear a motion to call the meeting to order?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL by having the board in favor of the motion to call the meeting to order:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

All in favor of the motion 3 to 0

The minutes will be taken by Delfino Garcia, Secretary & Principal Assessor and to state his name and to confirm by stating Aye:

Delfino Garcia - Aye

The meeting is called to order at 6:03 p.m.

MINUTES:

Do I hear a motion to sign, accept and disperse the reading of the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting to be posted on the Assessor's Website.

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

All in favor of the motion 3 to 0

So moved to the board to accept, sign, and disperse the reading of the minutes of February 15, 2022

BILLS PAYABLE:

The following invoices to be approved by the board:

1. Staples - 2/23/2022 - \$17.49
2. Principal Assessor's Mileage Reimbursement - \$7.02

Do I hear a motion to accept and sign the incurred expenses voucher?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

All in favor of the motion 3 to 0

So moved to accept the bills and sign the voucher to date.

WARRANTS:

The following warrants to be signed by the board:

1. Motor Vehicle Excise - Re-commitment for 2020 - \$51.30
2. Motor Vehicle Excise - Re-commitment for 2021 - \$45.23
3. Motor Vehicle Excise - Commitment #2 for 2022 - \$210,274.72
4. Motor Vehicle Excise - Re-commitment for 2022 - \$1,345.03

Do I hear a motion to sign the Warrants to date?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

All in favor of the motion 3 to 0

So moved to sign the Warrants to date.

MONTH END REPORTS:

The following Abatement Month End Reports to be signed by the Board of Assessors:

1. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$2,822.48 - 2/18/2022 - Batch: February #2

2. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$2,854.53 - 3/01/2022 - Batch: March #1
3. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$1,355.13 - 3/03/2022 - Batch: March #2
4. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$1,238.82 - 3/04/2022 - Batch: March#3
5. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$2,241.81 - 3/09/2022 - Batch: March#4
6. Motor Vehicle Abatements - \$1,961.43 - 3/23/2022 - Batch: March#4
7. Real Estate Exemptions - \$400.00 - 2/18/2022 - Batch: February #2
8. Real Estate Exemptions - \$517.15 - 3/10/2022 - Batch: March10
9. Real Estate Exemptions - \$675.00 - 3/28/2022 - Batch: March28
10. Boat Excise Abatements - \$118.00 - 3/29/2022 - Batch: BoatsMar#1

Do I hear a motion to sign the Month End Report?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

All in favor of the motion 3 to 0

So moved to sign the Month End Reports to date.

BETTERMENT WARRANT:

The following Betterment Warrant to be signed by the Board of Assessors:

1. 9 Gull Island Road - 2/17/2022 - \$557.93
2. 57 Seaview Ave. - 3/8/2022 - \$2,402.40
3. 1 Mina Street - 3/17/2022 - \$1,976.91

Do I hear a motion to sign the Betterment Warrant?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

Ronnie Manzone - Aye

Motion carries 3 to 0

So moved to sign the Betterment Warrant.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

41C - First Time Applicant - Granted

17D - First Time Applicant - Granted

CHAPTER LAND:

NONE

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES:

All open Appellate Tax Board (ATB) cases to be reviewed and discussed in Executive Session.

We currently have 6 ATB cases currently scheduled for hearings and 2 more filed with the ATB:

Case numbers:

F342554-20 May 25, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F342559-20 May 25, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F342537-21 May 25, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F342539-21 May 25, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F343536-21 July 21, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F343537-21 July 21, 2022 at 10 a.m.

F344786-22 TBD

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FY22 ABATEMENTS:

Total received to date:

Real Estate: 50	Personal Property: 7
Approved: 6	Approved: 2
Denied: 24	Denied: 4
Tabled: 10	Tabled:
Withdrawn: 2	

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Dr. Merolla denying abatement extension request for 64 Manhattan Ave.

Agreement pertaining to valuation of property reported to the Commissioner of Revenue by Verizon New England Inc. for FY2023-FY2027 to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors in executive session a group of municipalities which have approved the agreement. As of today, seven of those municipalities have already signed their respective agreements. The remainder of the group is expected to do so in the coming days. Settlement agreement dated March 4, 2022 will be discussed in the Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board of Assessors meeting will be held on April 19, 2022 @ 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) There will be 20 real estate abatement applications to review.

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

The Board of Assessors will now enter into Executive Session and will not return to Open Session pursuant to MGL c30A section 21(A)(7) and to review Appellate Tax Board 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 from the Board of Assessors to enter into the Executive Session and not return to the open session?

Motion made by: Pam Davis

Seconded by: Ellis B. Withington

Are there any discussions? None

Hearing none we will now have a ROLL CALL:

Pamela Davis - Aye

Ellis Withington - Aye

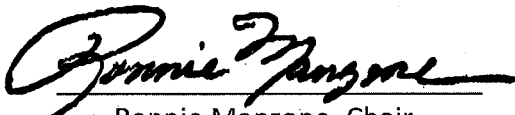
Ronnie Manzone - Aye

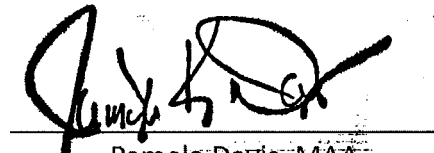
Motion carries: 3 to 0


The Board of Assessors will now go into the Executive Session and will not return to open session, and the time now is 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Delfino R. Garcia
Principal Assessor
Secretary
Notary Public
Board of Assessors / Date of Filing: April 19, 2022


Ronnie Manzone, Chair
Board of Assessors


Pamela Davis, MAA
Board of Assessors


Ellis Withington
Board of Assessors