

Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Meeting Minutes – Open Session
August 25, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

In attendance at the meeting: Sharon Simmons, Chair; Diane Tomassetti, Board of Assessors; Bruce Cabral, Principal Assessor; Barbara Paczosa, Administrative Assistant

Bruce Cabral Principal Assessor opened the meeting at 4:36 p.m. and read the media notification. Bruce stated the Chair had resigned and appointed Sharon Simmons to serve as Interim Chair.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER DIANE TOMASSETTI

Sharon Simmons called the meeting to order and took attendance. She introduced Diane Tomassetti and thanked her for volunteering to serve and welcomed her to the Board of Assessors.

RESIGNATION OF FORMER CHAIRPERSON: AMANDA ROBINSON

Sharon Simmons announced the resignation of the former Chairperson Amanda Robinson and thanked her for her time and input to the Board.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS -CHAIRPERSON

Diane Tomassetti nominated Sharon Simmons as Chairperson for the Board of Assessors; Sharon accepted.

Diane made a motion to accept Sharon as the Chair for the Board of Assessors, seconded by Sharon Simmons. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

MINUTES:

Diane Tomassetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7/21/2026 Open Session, seconded by Sharon Simmons. The motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Sharon Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/21/2026 Executive Session. Sharon Simmons approved the minutes, Diane Tomassetti recused herself from the vote as she was not in attendance for the meeting. The motion passed (1 & 1 abstention)

REVIEW BILLS PAYABLE:

The following invoices require approval by the Board of Assessors:

- a. Brian David Miller, II, MAA – 8/5/2026 – \$1,950.00

- b. CAI Technologies – 8/5/2026 – \$625.00
- c. Catalis Tax & CAMA – 8/20/2026 – \$11,250.00
- d. MAAO Annual Dues – 8/20/2026 – \$100.00

Diane Tomassetti and Sharon Simmons requested a brief explanation of each invoice and Bruce Cabral provided that information.

Sharon Simmons made a motion to approve a through d.

Diane Tomassetti seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously (2-0).

MONTH END REPORTS:

The following Month End Reports require approval by the Board of Assessors:

- a. Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements – 2024 – \$479.33
- b. Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements – 2025 – \$1,190.35
- c. Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements – 2026 – \$8,494.06
- d. Boat Excise Abatements – 2026 – \$172.47

Diane Tomassetti requested a brief explanation of the abatements and Bruce Cabral provided that information.

Sharon Simmons made a motion to approve a through d.

Diane Tomassetti seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously (2-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bruce Cabral informed the Board that it is a certification year and has been interacting with the Department of Revenue representative and preparing for public disclosure evaluations.

Bruce stated that the some veterans' exemptions will be greater than in prior years due to the HERO Act, which was passed at Town Meeting last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A § 21(A)(7): ADJOURNMENT

Sharon Simmons made a motion to enter into Executive Session, and adjourn without returning to open meeting pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A § 21(A)(7) to discuss applications for tax abatement, exemption and/or deferral. Diane Tomassetti seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously (2-0) at 4:48 p.m.

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors discussed:

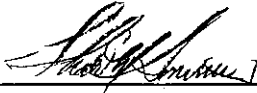
- a. Exemption Applications--Low Income Persons-Low or moderate-Income Seniors
Application-MGL Chapter 44B, Clause 17D (\$175) – Senior - Surviving Spouse or Minor –
FY27 First Time Applicant, Clause 22D (Full Exemption)-Veterans (Surviving Spouse Veteran
Died from Service-Related Disability) - FY27 First Time Applicant
- b. Abatement Applications Fiscal Year 2026-Real Estate Tax Applications #5, #6, #7 & #24
- c. Appellate Tax Board (ATB) Case

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Paczosa

Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved at Board of Assessors Meeting: 9/17/2026



Sharon Simmons, Chair
Board of Assessors



Diane Tomassetti
Board of Assessors



Rui Pereira
Board of Assessors