

**Town of Fairhaven
Massachusetts
BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Meeting Minutes – Open Session
September 17, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

In attendance at the meeting: Sharon Simmons, Chair; Diane Tomassetti, Vice Chair; Rui Pereira, Member; Bruce Cabral, Principal Assessor; Barbara Paczosa, Administrative Assistant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Sharon Simmons called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and read the media notifications.

Sharon Simmons introduced Rui Pereira and welcomed him to the Board of Assessors. Rui Pereira thanked the Board and stated that this is his first time serving on a public board.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS-VICE CHAIR:

Sharon Simmons stated that following discussion at the previous meeting and after speaking with Bruce, they felt it was important to elect a Vice Chair to preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair. Sharon Simmons nominated Diane Tomassetti, Diane accepted.

Sharon Simmons made a motion to appoint Diane Tomassetti as Vice Chair of the Board of Assessors, Diane Tomassetti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote (3-0).

MINUTES:

Diane Tomassetti made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/25/2026 Open Session, Sharon Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Diane Tomassetti made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/25/2026 Executive Session, Sharon Simmons seconded the motion. Rui Pereira recused himself from the vote as he was not in attendance for the meeting. The motion passed (2 & 1 abstention)

Review bills payable:

- a. United States Postal Service – 8/26/2026 – \$12.65
- b. Brian David Miller, LL, MAA – 9/8/2026 – \$5,720.00
- c. MAAO 2026 Clerks Meeting – 9/8/2026 – \$75.00
- d. RRC – 9/15/2026 – \$2,000.00

Sharon Simmons inquired regarding Brian Miller. Bruce Cabral explained Brian is the consultant that worked on new growth and permits. Bruce mentioned that MAAO is the Massachusetts Assessors Association and that Barbara Paczosa will be attending a meeting for clerks training

education and RRC (Real Estate Research Corporation) is a business personal property consulting and valuation company that conducts inventory and valuation of business personal property for the Town.

Diane Tomassetti made a motion to approve a, b, c & d. Rui Pereira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Month-end Reports:

a. Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements – \$541.08

Diane Tomassetti inquired about the amount involved and the number of vehicles to which it pertained. Bruce Cabral indicated that the amount would typically be for more than one vehicle.

Diane Tomassetti made a motion to approve Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements of \$541.08. Sharon Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

General Business:

Bruce Cabral stated that there were no new updates and that the Town is continuing to make progress toward re-certification.

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 motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote, 3-0, at 4:42 p.m.

In Executive Session, the Board of Assessors discussed:

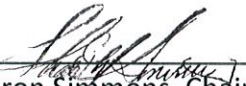
- a. Exemption Applications - Clause 17D (\$175) – Senior - Surviving Spouse or Minor – FY27 First Time Applicants
- b. Abatement Applications - FY26 Real Estate App #15
- c. Appellate Tax Board (ATB) Cases

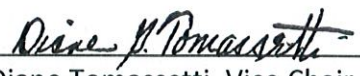
Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Paczosa

Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved at Board of Assessors Meeting: 10/08/2026


Sharon Simmons, Chair
Board of Assessors


Diane Tomassetti, Vice Chair
Board of Assessors


Rui Pereira
Board of Assessors