

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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September 28, 2011

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Jane Bettencourt.

In attendance were Ronald Manzone, Pamela Davis, Ellis Withington and Jane Bettencourt.

Pam Davis motioned to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting as presented. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Board members reviewed additional information submitted by Attorney Mark Murphy they requested regarding FY11 appeal of 14 Plaza Way. Ellis Withington motioned to offer a valuation of \$3,700,000 for settlement purposes. Pam Davis seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Jane was instructed to contact the attorney with this offer and report outcome to the Board.

The settlement proposal offer from Cingular Wireless (personal property tax appeal) was reviewed by members. Pam Davis motioned to accept the offer resulting in an abatement for FY08 only. All other appeals pending before the ATB will be dismissed by Cingular Wireless. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Jane was instructed to contact Anthony Cutaia, Tax Director for New Cingular Wireless regarding this decision.

The Board reviewed potential transfer of monies from overlay to surplus. Ellis Withington motioned to transfer \$135,500 from FY09 surplus and \$70,000 from FY10 after calculating potential liabilities from outstanding ATB appeals. This motion was seconded by Pam Davis. A unanimous vote was heard. Jane was instructed to inform the Board of Selectmen of this decision.

Board members signed the Bristol County FY12 assessment and instructed Jane to return to Christopher Saunders, County Treasurer and give a copy to John Nunes, Fairhaven's Finance Director.

Ronald Manzone signed the certificate for Chapter 61/Forest Land for Joseph and Rita Herring of 237 New Boston Road, Map 35 Lot 1. This is a renewal of their 10 year forest plan. The Board instructed Jane to mail two copies back to Joseph and Rita Herring and keep one copy for our files.

Members reviewed the ATB hearing schedule received. Fairhaven has six pending appeals for FY11. Ellis Withington suggested the Board begin reviewing these cases. Pam Davis suggested mailing an interrogatory to Acushnet Company. Ellis Withington volunteered to prepare such form and email to Jane to send to the taxpayer's representative. The Board also asked Jane to contact Wayne Fostin for his opinion on whether or not 3 Bergeron Lane can be improved.

Board members signed the Community Preservation Surcharge Report for FY11 which was submitted by Jane and the Town Accountant to DLS through Gateway on 8/26/11.

Board members signed Month End Reports for motor vehicle and boat excise abatements processed.

During "Other Business that may come before the Board", Jane informed the Board of a clerical error of a personal property tax for FY11. The business " Charmed With A Touch" has been out of business since 2007. The Tax Collector, under direction from the Deputy Tax Collector, is adding FY08 and FY09 outstanding taxes to her sworn list that is being processed. The Board agreed to send a memo to the Tax Collector requesting she add the FY11 outstanding tax to same list.

At 7:00 PM, Pam Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt
Administrative Assistant
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on _____ October 26, 2011 _____ by:

