

# Fairhaven Board of Assessors

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40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719

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The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Ronald J. Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Jane Bettencourt.

In attendance were Ronald J. Manzone, Ellis Withington and Jane Bettencourt. Pamela Davis was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Ellis Withington motioned to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ronald Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Members reviewed the pending FY11 ATB cases. The hearings scheduled for 3 of the cases will be held February 7, 2012 in Boston.

Members reviewed McCann Appraisal LLC regarding market impact of Wind Turbines submitted by Teal Circle resident, Peter Goben. Members agreed again any impact on value will have to wait until after the turbines are installed and sales in the area are analyzed.

Members reviewed total monies spent for exemptions for FY2011. At this time, a final total for FY2012 is not available because the deadline for filing is April 1, 2012. Jane was instructed to submit the FY2012 total for review after deadline. At that time the Board will decide if they wish to discuss changing the amounts of exemptions with Board of Selectmen.

Chapter land owners, Allen C + Ellena L Haskell of 46 Charity Stevens Lane conveyed property to a Trust naming their son as Trustee. Jane asked the board if a new lien is required in the name of the Trust. Ellis Withington instructed Jane to contact taxpayers to view the trust to determine if Mr. + Mrs. Haskell were beneficiaries of the Trust. He also suggested Jane contact Kathleen Colleary at the Division of Local Services to ask her opinion.

Members signed letter for DOR certifying fair cash value of Fairhaven Village under the provisions of Chapter 121A. Members instructed Jane to mail to Todd Sharek at the DOR and a copy to Doug Peterson of Fairhaven Village and keep a copy in file.

Members signed hard copy of Gateway submission for authority to abate under Chapter 58, Section 8 Paraplegic Veterans.

Month End Reports for real estate abatements and exemptions and motor vehicle excise tax abatements were signed.

Bill payable for Jane's mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$66.03 was approved for payment.

Members reviewed FY13 budget proposal. Jane and Ron Manzone to attend future FinCom meeting to discuss budgetary figures with them.

At 6:55 PM, Ronald Manzone motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss first time Exemption applications and FY12 real estate and personal property abatement applications per spreadsheet to be

attached to Executive Session minutes . Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Two to Zero.

At 8:00 PM, Ronald Manzone motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Two to Zero.

Ellis Withington motioned to approve Deferral of Taxes Exemption and request permission from BPW to defer betterment, deny one Clause 22 Disabled Veteran because property is in a Trust and applicant is not the Trustee or beneficiary of the Trust, approve 2 Blind Exemptions, approve 7 Clause 22 Disabled Veterans Exemptions, approve one Clause 22E 100% disabled Veteran and approve 4 Clause 17D exemption applicants per attached list to be attached to Executive Session minutes. Ronald Manzone seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Ellis Withington motioned to abate real estate abatement applications#1,2,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14,18,21,22, 26, + 27, Deny applications #3,4,9,23 + 24, Table applications #12,15,16,17,19, 20, +25 per list attached. This motion was seconded by Ronald Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Ellis Withington motioned to abate personal property abatement application #1 and table applications #2 + 3 per attached list. Ron Manzone seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Members reviewed letter prepared by Jane to accompany the I+E requests for FY13 to be mailed during the last week of February with a request date of March 1, 2012 due in 60 days May 1, 2012.

At 8:10 PM, Ronald Manzone motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be February 28, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt  
Administrative Assistant  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on February 28, 2012 by:

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