

# 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, May 15, 2012.

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

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

Ellis Withington motioned to table approval of April's open session and executive session minutes because of Pam Davis not being present. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Board members reviewed Patriot Properties proposal for FY13, FY14 and FY15. Everyone agreed the proposal was fine and instructed Jane to contact Richard Swadel to send the Board a formal contract to sign effective July 1, 2012.

Jane informed members of a sketch error on record card for 2 Winslow Court. Ellis Withington motioned to re-consider previous denial of FY12 abatement application and allow the decrease in value caused by deleting the basement from the sketch. The home only has a crawl space. Ron Manzone seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Members reviewed all documentation received from Earl's Marina regarding FY12 valuation appeal. Ellis Withington stated he would study all income and expense information and do an on-site inspection allowing him to make changes on record card. Ron Manzone motioned to table decision until next meeting allowing Ellis Withington ample time for this review. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Members reviewed signed settlement offer received from Acushnet Company regarding FY11 ATB hearing and FY12 abatement application. Taxpayer and Assessors agreed on FY11, FY12 and future FY13 valuations. Taxpayer withdrew from the ATB for FY11.

Members reviewed the tax collector's request to abate under Mass General Law Chapter 8, Section 58 three outstanding taxes for locations foreclosed on by the town as uncollectible. Ellis Withington motioned to approve request. Ron Manzone seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

The Board reviewed letter received from BPW informing them of their vote to abate two sewer bills that had been liened on FY12 tax bills. The Board instructed Jane to initiate the abatement on our billing system under the authority of the BPW.

Month End reports were approved and signed.

Bill payable for Jane's mileage in the amount of \$134.87 was approved.

At 6:40 PM, Ellis Withington motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt  
Administrative Assistant  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_ June 26, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ by:

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