

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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October 25, 2012

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

Ronald J. Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 September 25, 2012 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard.

John Nunes, Finance Director, came before the Board to discuss the liability of the Supreme Court's reversal of the ATB decision regarding Verizon vs. Town of Fairhaven. John Nunes has resigned as Finance Director from the Town of Fairhaven effective November 2, 2012. Members of the board wished him well in his future endeavors.

Pam Davis motioned to process abatement per Supreme Judicial Court decision for FY09 in the amount of \$54,271.67 to Verizon with the understanding Verizon's representative will withdraw its pending ATB petitions for FY08 and FY09. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard. Jane was instructed to process abatement on the next business day.

A memo was composed to the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen transferring \$85,000 from the FY10 overlay account to surplus with the stipulation this money should be transferred to FY09 overlay to cover the deficit of abatement granted to Verizon per court order and to cover additional potential liabilities awaiting court decisions for FY09. Members instructed Jane to forward the memo to the selectmen, finance director and town accountant. Members also instructed Jane to compose an article for Fairhaven's December 4, 2012 Special Town Meeting to see if town meeting would vote to transfer funds to cover the overlay deficit.

Pam Davis calculated potential liabilities for completion of the OL-1 and members instructed Jane to enter figures in the Gateway system.

Members signed the LA-4, LA-15 and LA-13 forms entered in Gateway for FY13. These hard copies will be filed with FY13 re-cap.

Exemption applications for FY13 were reviewed by members for approval. One Clause 17D was denied and one Clause 41C was denied.

Month end reports were signed for motor vehicle and boat excise abatements processed during the month of October.

Bill payable approved as follows:

- Staples ~ \$49.99 for office supplies

At 7:16 PM, Ellis Withington motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Pam Davis. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt
Administrative Assistant
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on November 13, 2012 by:
