

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

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February 20, 2013

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, February 19, 2013.

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM 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 approve the Open Session minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Ellis Withington motioned to approve the Executive Session minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Board members reviewed Exemption applications and approved as follows:

Approved two Clause 41C applicants
Approved one Clause 17D applicant

Board members reviewed statement and documentation from Devon Fairhaven LLC regarding a FY2013 personal property bill assessed to them and the Board's decision to deny their appeal. The personal property belonged to a former tenant and proof was provided the tenant vacated the premises and all personal property was removed. Ellis Withington motioned to re-consider the denial of appeal and abate the personal property tax. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

At 6:10 PM, Ellis Withington motioned to leave Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss FY13 real estate and personal property appeals per the attached list. This motion was seconded by Ronald Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Two to Zero.

At 6:50 PM, Ron Manzone motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Two to Zero.

Ellis Withington motioned to abate real estate application #13, 32 and 49; deny application #10, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 50, 52 and 53; and table application #7, 8, 15, 16, 18, 19, 24, 25, 30, and 45 as discussed per attached list. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Ellis Withington motioned to deny personal property application #1 as discussed per attached list. Ron Manzone seconded this motion. A unanimous vote was heard.

Jane and Ron informed Ellis of their meeting with our FY14 Triennial Certification field advisor, Stephen Sullivan. Jane informed members of her discussion with Pam Davis regarding the completion of the Re-Val Work Plan. Pam and Jane will be completing the work plan shortly and will be working with Wayne Peterson of Patriot Properties. As soon as the plan is complete it will be forwarded to Mr. Sullivan at the DOR.

Jane reminded members the Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees must be completed. A printed certificate must be given to Fairhaven's Town Clerk by April 5, 2013.

Members reviewed correspondence between Selectman Bob Espindola and Town Counsel Attorney Tom Crotty forwarded to them by Selectman Bob Espindola regarding renewal energy and the Town of Fairhaven.

Month End reports for motor vehicle, real estate and personal property tax abatements and real estate exemptions processed through the month were reviewed and signed by members.

Bill payable in the amount of \$70.06 to cover Jane Bettencourt's mileage expense was approved and signed for submission to Town Accountant for reimbursement.

Members were notified of invitation to join the Bristol County Assessors Association upcoming breakfast meeting.

At 7:00 PM, Ellis Withington motioned to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Ron Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt
Administrative Assistant
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes were approved on _____ March 26, 2013 _____ by:
