

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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March 27, 2013

The Fairhaven Board of Assessors held a publicly posted meeting at 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA on Tuesday, March 26, 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, Pamela Davis, Ellis Withington and Jane Bettencourt.

Ellis Withington motioned to approve the Open Session minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ronald Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

Ellis Withington motioned to approve the Executive Session minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting as presented. This motion was seconded by Ronald Manzone. A unanimous vote was heard.

At 6:10 PM, Pam Davis motioned to leave Open Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss FY13 real estate appeals per the attached list and one application for Clause 41A Property Tax Deferral. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Three to Zero.

At 6:50 PM, Ellis Withington motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. Pam Davis seconded this motion. A unanimous vote was heard. Roll call vote: Three to Zero.

Ellis Withington motioned to abate real estate application #19, 24, 30 and 45, deny application #7, 8 and 25 and table application # 15, 16 and 18 as discussed per attached list. This motion was seconded by Pam Davis. A unanimous vote was heard.

Pam Davis motioned to approve Norma Gulecas' application for Clause 41A Property Tax Deferral. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard.

Jane Bettencourt informed the members of two FY 2013 ATB hearing notifications as follows:

- Attorney Saliba for Storage Pros of Fairhaven LLC of 16 Lambeth Park Drive
- Cesar Sousa of 2 Timothy Street

Pam Davis motioned to approve the Chapter 58 Section 8 to abate request from Carol Brandolini, Tax Collector for taxes determined to be uncollectible of personal property and boat excise. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard.

In answer to Selectman Robert Espindola's recent question regarding tax opportunity for renewable energy, Pam Davis (who attended the DOR seminar on this subject) stated to members her thoughts after attending

the seminar and reading the contracts drawn the companies would most likely be exempt from tax because the community will use 100% of electricity generated. She also mentioned maybe there would be an opportunity to tax the lessee for the lot but would need specific description of property on lease to see if public use is hindered by project.

South Coast Energy Challenge requested the Board of Assessors supply them with Fairhaven's Data Base. Members unanimously agreed and instructed Jane to inform this group the Banker & Tradesman file could be downloaded from Assess Pro and e-mailed in Excel format for a \$200.00 fee.

Month End reports for real estate exemptions, real estate abatements, personal property abatements and motor vehicle excise tax abatements processed were reviewed and approved.

Bill payable approved as follows:

- Jane Bettencourt – \$106.22 for mileage (attended Assessors' meeting in Randolph with Ron Manzone and Pam Davis and performed 162 inspections)

Motor Vehicle Warrants were signed as follows:

- Eighth commitment of 2012
- Second commitment of 2013

At 7:10 PM, Pam Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ellis Withington. A unanimous vote was heard.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Bettencourt
Administrative Assistant
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Minutes approved on _____ April 9, 2013 _____ by:
