

# Fairhaven Board of Assessors

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## September 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Ronald Manzone; Ellis Withington and Assistant Assessor Delfino Garcia. Pamela Davis called into the board at 4:10 pm and spoke with Mr. Garcia stating she would be able to attend due to illness. The phone call from Ms. Davis was relayed at the board meeting.

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order in the Assessor's Department at 6:00 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Delfino Garcia.

### MINUTES

Mr. Withington motioned to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting, open session. Ronald Manzone seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

Mr. Withington also made a motion to approve the Executive Minutes of July 15, 2014 session. Ronald Manzone seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

### BILLS PAYABLE

The **BOA** reviewed and approved the following invoices for July & August:

- July Mileage (Del Garcia) between 7/10 to 7/31 - \$11.30
- August Mileage (Del Garcia) between 8/1 to 8/31 - \$39.48
- Staples Invoice #1109859111 - \$279.38

Mr. Manzone made a motion to process payments of said invoices and Mr. Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve payment was unanimous. (2-0)

### MONTH END REPORTS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed and acted on Motor Vehicle excise tax abatements processed during the month of July and August.

### EXEMPTIONS

There were no exemptions to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors for the month of August.

## **ABATEMENTS**

The number of abatements was reviewed by the Board of Assessors for the month of July and August: None

## **APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES**

The Asst. Assessor informed the board one appellate case that was postponed from September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 which is the Rodman Candleworks ET. Al.

The Acushnet Company has filed with the ATB but no hearing to date is known. The board will review the documents submitted.

The other ATB cases are dealing with the utilities filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts doing business in the Town of Fairhaven.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:20 PM, Ronald Manzone motioned to enter in Executive Session to discuss the Rodman Candleworks ET. Al. and The Acushnet Company ATB cases. Mr. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve entering into Executive Session was unanimous. (2-0)

At 6:30 PM, Ronald Manzone motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Garcia shared a copy of the Request for Proposal Sale and Development of the Former Rogers Elementary School located on 100 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, MA. No comments made.

Mr. Garcia shared a copy of the email dated August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from the MAAO pertaining to House Bill 2551 which was filed to make technical corrections to the Chapter laws, signed by Governor Patrick on August 6, 2014. The essence of the House Bill clarifies inconsistencies in forest; farm chapter land pertaining to the equitable taxation of ground mounted solar systems. Section 3D was added under Chapter 59 has follows and quoted:

“Anything in this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, every ground mounted solar system, which shall include all necessary panels, inverters, mounting systems and electrical equipment shall be subject to taxation under this chapter as personal property, and shall be assessed to the owner thereof by the assessors in the respective cities and towns where such

ground mounted solar systems are located; provided however, such property shall be subject to the following depreciation schedule....”

Mr. Garcia informed the Board the Director of Finance/Treasurer/Collector, Wendy Graves and Town Accountant, Anne Carreiro are completing the Recap Sheet are asking the Board to complete the CP-1 Report in Gateway. Mr. Garcia will review the real estate abatements and exemptions during the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 fiscal year. Mr. Garcia asked the board once he has completed a reconciliation of the real estate abatements and exemptions and is in agreement with the Town Collector’s figures; move forward to submit the report which is due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to the DOR. Mr. Ellis made motioned to have Mr. Garcia complete the CP-1 report and submit it in on behalf of the board. The board will sign the CP-1 report in the next board meeting. Mr. Manzone seconded the motion. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0)

### ADJOIN

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 14, 2014 for 6:00 PM.

Mr. Manzone motioned to adjoin the Board of Assessors meeting. Mr. Withington seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous. (2-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delfino R. Garcia  
Assistant Assessor  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
(Minutes approved on November 4, 2014)

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Ronald Manzone, Chairman, Board of Assessor

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Pamela K. Davis, Board of Assessor

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Ellis Withington, Board of Assessor