

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

April 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT

Ronald Manzone, Chairman of the Board; Pamela Davis, Board of Assessor, and Delfino Garcia, Assistant Assessor and Secretary. Mr. Ellis Withington has contacted Mr. Garcia and was unable to make the meeting earlier in the week due to sickness.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order in the Assessor's Department at 3:30 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Delfino Garcia, Asst. Assessor.

MINUTES

Minutes of March 31, 2015 were signed, motion made by Chair, all in favor by Board (2-0) vote unanimously.

BILLS PAYABLE

The **BOA** reviewed and approved the following invoices:

- Bristol County Print Shop - \$123.00
- MAAO Seminar 5/20 - \$30.00

Mr. Manzone made a motion to process payments of said invoices and Ms. Davis seconded the motion, all in favor by the Board (2-0) vote unanimously.

MONTH END REPORTS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed and acted on the following Boat and Motor Vehicle abatements processed during the month of March.

WARRANTS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed the following warrants:
Warrant to Collector additional Tax Due to Omitted of Valuation

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Edward Marnik of 56 Green Street came in to meet with the BOA at an open meeting to discuss an issue pertaining to 63 Green Street. The issue is whether or not 63 Green Street can continue as a parsonage since Pastor Brian Souza of the Centre Trinity United Methodist Church has moved to New Bedford, MA. Mr. Marnik a letter dated April 24, 2015 to the Board of Assessors which Mr. Marnik is the writer of. Mr. Manzone, Chairman made a motion to table the issue for further discussions until the next board meeting. Ms. Davis seconded the motion, all in favor by the Board (2-0) vote unanimously.

Wendy L. Graves, CMMT CMMC; Director of Finance/Treasurer sat in our meeting as the board conducted business until Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ronald Manzone, Chair, made motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss exemptions, abatements and other matters brought to the board. Ms. Davis seconded the motion all in favor 2-0 vote unanimously. Motion made at 4:00 pm.

OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ronald Manzone, Chair, made motion to reconvene into Open Session, Ms. Davis seconded the motion all in favor 2-0 vote unanimously. Motion made at 4:30 pm.

OPEN SESSION

Ronald Manzone, Chair, made motion to Open Session, Mr. Davis seconded the motion all in favor 2-0 vote unanimously. Motion made at 4:35 pm.

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES

We presently still have open cases in ATB, refer to attached list.

No ATB cases to at the Appellate Tax Board until July.

ABATEMENTS

The following Abatements were reviewed by the board and signed and refer to the attached list(s): Real Estate; Motor Vehicles; Boat; and Personal Property.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

On April 15th, 2015 Del Garcia, Asst. Assessor attended the MAAO Spring Conference up at Devens, MA, the course were pertaining land leases; legislative update and the 2015 MAAO legislative package and key topics from the DOR

Land Line Reports printed as request by the BOA in our last month meeting to discuss land values, on classification codes 106 & 130 which are accessory land with improvement and developable land, tabled by the BOA for further review.

Asst. Assessor discussed the FY16 Map changes were submitted to N. Douglas Schneider & Assoc. to update our town maps.

Informed the board about the Special Town/Annual Meeting – May 2, 2015

Informed the board map changes for FY16 sent to engineer

Informed the board as to the MAAO Election ballots to be completed and to submit back to MAAO Election committee.

Clause 18 checklist is continued to be revised and a work in progress

The Board discussed any real estate abatement less than \$50.00 will not be abatement. It is not in the best interest of the Town of Fairhaven from a cost point for mailing. Mr. Manzone made a motion to adopt this restriction and Ms. Davis seconded, no discussions, all in favor by the Board (2-0) vote unanimously.

The Board also discussed a cut-off to approve abatements for personal property which further review is needed to determine the number of accounts of personal property in the town, to be reviewed by the BOA and has been tabled for further review.

Discussed the Blue Wave Project and no contract at this time has been tabled by the BOA for further review.

Discussion of land values and has been tabled by the BOA for further review and research.

Mr. Garcia has informed the board all reappointments of the Board of Assessors will be discussed by the selectman for reappointment in near future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EDUCATION & SEMINARS:

5/20/15 – Seminar – MAAO RE Tax Valuation to be attended by the Asst. Assessor, Del Garcia.

NEXT MEETING

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2015 for 3:30 PM.

ADJOIN

Mr. Manzone motioned to adjoin the Board of Assessors meeting, Ms. Davis seconded the motion all in favor 2-0 vote unanimously, motion made at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Delfino R. Garcia
Assistant Assessor
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
(Minutes approved on May 29, 2015)

Ronald Manzone, Chairman
Board of Assessors

Pamela K. Davis, MAA
Board of Assessors