

# Fairhaven Board of Assessors

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Meeting Minutes

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## PRESENT

Chairman of the Board Ronald Manzone; and Board of Assessors Pamela Davis; Ellis Withington; and Assistant Assessor Delfino Garcia, Secretary

Wendy Graves was also present.

## CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

Ronald Manzone, Chair, called the meeting to order in the Assessor's Department at 6:30 PM announcing minutes were being taken by Delfino Garcia.

## MINUTES

The signing of the minutes from the October 28, 2016 meeting was tabled. Vote to approve was unanimous. (3-0)

## EXECUTIVE MINUTES

No executive minutes in the last session.

## BILLS PAYABLE

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

- Bristol County Assessors Assoc. (Annual Mtg. 12/1/16) \$160.00
- Bristol County Print Shop (Envelopes) - \$98.00
- Patriot Properties (Invoice: 13282) - \$14,950.00

Mr. Manzone made a motion to process payments of said invoices and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. Vote to approve payment was unanimous. (3-0)

## CLASSIFICATION HEARING

The board met with Wendy Graves, Finance Director in preparation of meeting with the Board of Selectman at 7:00 p.m. to review the tax rate classification for FY17.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

At 7:00p.m., the Board of Assessors will meet with the Board of Selectmen in a joint session to make a recommendation for the tax rate classification for FY17.

## **MONTH END REPORTS**

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

## **APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES**

The Board reviewed the ATB cases on file, 17 cases filed to date.

Correspondence from Atty. Will Hazel dated November 16, 2016 address to the Appellate Tax Board pertaining to Docket nos. 300873 & 301442 ET. Al. Pertaining to the Verizon New England Inc. v. Commissioner of Revenue and Various Cities and Towns Counsel on behalf of the Appellant sent copies of the Certificate of Service to 351 municipalities.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Garcia discussed the Notification of Certification correspondence dated November 21, 2016 from Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services. The Commissioner of Revenue has determined that the locally assessed values for the Town of Fairhaven of real and personal property in this municipality represents full and fair cash valuation as of January 1, 2016 for fiscal year 2017 and that these proposed property assessments satisfy the minimum requirements for certification. Ms. Joanne M. Graziano, Chief of the Bureau of Local Assessment further outlines in order for the next scheduled recertification of all real and personal property the bureau enclosed our community's program directives. These directives were made by the Bureau of Local Assessment advisor as a result of the town's FY 2017 Certification review. The areas of these directives are cyclical re-inspection; income and expense data; neighborhood review; personal property-second homes; public disclosure; tax maps – GIS; and other directives. In conclusion the Town of Fairhaven's next certification will be in FY 2020. All directives set forth by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services must be in compliance by the next certification.

## JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Mr. Manzone motioned to convene in a joint meeting with the Board of Selectman pertaining to the Tax Rate Classification for FY2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Davis. Vote to approve and to reconvene was unanimous. (3-0). Meeting convened at 6:55 P.M.

Chairman, Ron Manzone asked the Board of Selectmen to vote on the split tax rate and it was adopted by the Selectmen at a residential factor of .867981 which is the maximum shift of 1.75. This is the same shift as has been used in the past.

Mr. Manzone motioned to reconvene at 7:20 P.M. and it was seconded by Mr. Withington. Vote to approve was unanimous. (3-0).

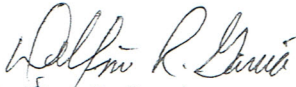
## NEXT MEETING

The Board of Assessors checked their work calendars and agreed that our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 20, 2017 at 3:30 PM

## ADJOIN

Mr. Manzone motioned to adjoin the Board of Assessors meeting. Ms. Davis seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous. (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

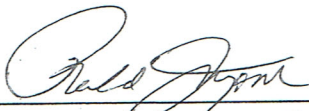
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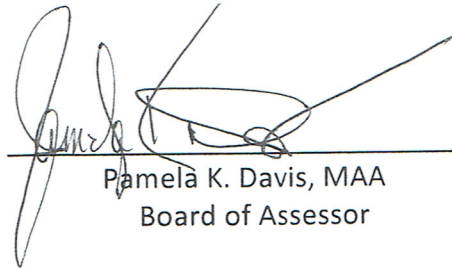
Delfino R. Garcia  
Assistant Assessor

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Minutes signed on January 20<sup>st</sup>, 2017)



Ronald Manzone, Chairman  
Board of Assessor



Pamela K. Davis, MAA  
Board of Assessor



Ellis Withington  
Board of Assessor