

Fairhaven Board of Assessors

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**January 20, 2017
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

CALLED THE MEETING 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.

MINUTES

After the board had reviewed the September 2, 2016; October 28, 2016; November 21, 2016 and December 5, 2016 minutes a motion was made by the Mr. Manzone to accept the minutes as read, no discussions. Vote to approve was unanimous. (3-0)

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

No minutes in the previous session.

BILLS PAYABLE

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

- Staples - \$237.48
- MLS Pin - \$87.00
- BCAA - \$40.00
- MAAO Winter3/1/17 Meeting - \$80.00

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

MONTH END REPORTS

The Board of Assessors reviewed, discussed and acted on following motor vehicle excise and boat abatement: No Month End Reports

WARRANTS

No warrants to sign

EXEMPTIONS

There were exemptions to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors in Executive Session.

FY17 ABATEMENTS FILED

24 abatements – received to date

There are abatements to be reviewed by the Board of Assessors in Executive Session.

CHAPTER LAND

No Chapter land presented for the board to review

APPELLATE TAX BOARD CASES

Board of Assessors reviewed ATB logbook for which at this time we have 17 open cases on the docket. Mr. Garcia informed the board 5 cases scheduled for January 24, 2017 out of 6 have been continued to March and April with the exception of one ATB case #329722 still scheduled on January 24, 2017.

Board reviewed ATB Case #329722 which was tabled for further review and research.

Secretary discussed the Verizon settlement as to the percentage of the settlement as outlined in the DOR's memorandum dated December 13, 2016 and January 10, 2017. Board made a recommendation to make contact with the attorney for Verizon to discuss the settlement process of the two open ATB cases with the Town of Fairhaven.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Secretary presented to the board the overlay surplus transfer recommendation to be considered from the overlay balance in the amount of \$300,000. Board in agreement as to the recommendation signed the memorandum to Mr. Mark Rees recommending said amount. Vote to approve payment was unanimous. (3-0)

Secretary presented to the board the allowance for abatements and exemptions for FY18 also known as the overlay account to be entered on the FY18 Re-Cap in the amount of \$250,000. No discussions and the board agreed with Mr. Garcia's assessment for the allowance.

Secretary presented to the board for review the warrants for FY17 to the collector.

Secretary presented to the board for review the Board of Assessors Annual Report for the annual town meeting in May. The board unanimous signed the report.

Secretary presented to the board for review the letter to the DOR pertaining to the Fairhaven Village contract 121A and the board unanimous signed the report.

Secretary also mentioned to the board about the IRS 2017 business standard mileage rate is not .535 cents per mile.

Secretary informed the Assessors' Notice posted to all persons subject to taxation in the Town of Fairhaven form of list in accordance with provisions of G. L. ch. 29 sec. 29

Secretary informed the board and signed the affidavit of first sending out personal property form of lists which a total of 780 forms mailed out.

Secretary presented for the board to sign the FY17 Real Estate Deferral

Secretary reviewed the 3rd quarter warrants for FY17 and initialed same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A ss 21

At 4:00 PM , Mr. Roanld Manzone motioned to enter in Executive Session:

Review abatements and exemptions

Mr. Ellis Withington seconded the motion. Vote to approve entering into Executive Session was unanimous. (3-0)

At 4:55 PM, Mr. Ronald Manzone motioned to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. Pam Davis seconded the motion. 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 February 10th, 2017 at 3:30 PM

ADJOIN

Mr. Manzone motioned to adjourn the Board of Assessors meeting. Ms. Davis seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous. (3-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Delfino R. Garcia

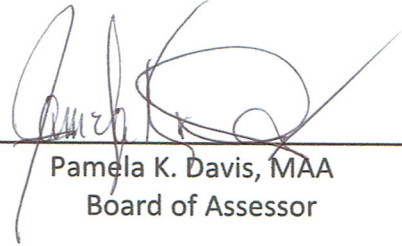
Assistant Assessor

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Minutes approved on March 24th, 2017)



Ronald Manzone, Chairman
Board of Assessor



Pamela K. Davis, MAA
Board of Assessor



Ellis Withington
Board of Assessor