Executive Session Minutes Town of Montague Assessors' Department 1 Avenue A (2nd Floor), Turners Falls, MA

April 14, 2013

Members Present: Paul Emery, Betty Waidlich, Teresa Miner

Also Present: Laura Arruda, Notary

Staff Present: Barbara Miller, Director of Assessing

Meeting convened 3:45 p.m.

- Classified Forest Agricultural or Horticultural Recreational Land Tax Lien signed by the Board of Assessors and notarized by Ms. Arruda for Patrick and Anne Williamson, Parcels 53-0-058 and 079 as Chapter 61 Forest Land. A lien was previously recorded as book 6317 pg 257 but without the signatures.
- Ms. Arruda left the meeting
- Abatements
 - Parcel Id 17-0-030, 259 Millers Falls Road Ms. Miller explained to the board that a garage on the property record card no longer existed. Motion made by Ms. Waidlich to abate \$10,100 from the original value of \$316,400 making the adjusted value \$306,300. Second by Ms. Miner, vote unanimous.
 - Parcel Id 23-0-67, Millers Falls Road- Ms. Miller used documentation received from Walter Ramsey, Town Planner. The documentation included a wetland delineation dated December 6, 2004 and included a map and verbiage indicating "wetland resource areas...identified in the eastern portion of the property." As a result a -30% influence factor was applied to the primary site and excess acreage. Motion made by Ms. Miner to abate \$42,200 from the original value of \$140,700 making the adjusted value \$98,500. Second by Ms. Waidlich, vote unanimous.
 - Parcel Id 10-0-134, 14 Bulkley Street Jessica St. Amand inspected the property on March 19, 2014 which resulted in the grades of the kitchen and baths to be reduced as well as the overall condition of the home. Motion made by Ms. Waidlich to abate \$28,200 from the original value of \$201,300 making

the adjusted value \$173,100. Second by Ms. Miner, vote unanimous.

Parcel Id 17-0-027, 263 Millers Falls Road – Ms. Miller informed the board that the value of the land connected with the mobile home on card two of this parcel increased significantly. This is a valuable piece of commercial property which happens to have a mobile home on the property. Ms. Miller recommended the board deny the abatement application.

Motion made by Ms. Waidlich to deny. Second by Ms. Miner, vote unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller

Director of Assessing

Minutes approved

ok to release. Ann M. Cenzaro