## Executive Session Minutes Town of Montague Assessors' Department

1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Turners Falls, MA March 17, 2014

Members Present: Paul Emery, Betty Waidlich, Teresa Miner

Staff Present: Barbara Miller, Director of Assessing

Meeting convened 3:45 p.m.

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## Abatements

- Parcel Id 02-0-1C, 16 Canal Road, A letter was sent to Mr. Clark on February 25, 2014 offering to meet with him regarding the abatement application for 16 Canal Road and requesting documentation to substantiate the claim that the property is assessed at a value greater than the fair market value, an appraisal was recommended. The letter requested he respond by March 14, 2014. No response was received; therefore Ms. Miller recommends the board deny the application for abatement.
  - Motion made by Ms. Waidlich to deny. Second by Ms. Miner, vote unanimous.
- Parcel Id 06-0-166, 28 Park Street, Ms. Miller reviewed the abatement application with the board explaining that the sale comp Mr. Earles discussed in his explanation was outside the parameters of the timeframe used for the revaluation. Ms. Miller provided the board with documentation from the revaluation indicating the sales used in determining the valuations for the neighborhood and building style of 28 Park Street. The board members and Ms. Miller are all familiar with 28 Park Street as they have performed on site inspections for prior years' abatement applications. Mr. Earle's did not indicate any deterioration of the property and therefore Ms. Miller did not feel an inspection was warranted. Ms. Miller recommends the board deny the application for abatement.

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

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller

Director of Assessing

Minutes approved

OK for partial release. Ann Mcenzano