

**Executive Session Minutes**  
**Town of Montague Assessors' Department**  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Turners Falls, MA  
March 6, 2017

An Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Assessors took place on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Present: Paul Emery (Chairman), Teresa Miner, Ann Cenzano. Staff Present: Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing

The meeting was called into session at 4:25 p.m. The Board took action on the following abatement applications:


Eric Wapner, 40 Main St. This parcel contains two homes which Mr. Wapner has been renovating for some time. After conducting a complete inspection of the property, it was recommended to grant an abatement to account for the work that need to be done to complete the project. The board voted to adjust the assessment to \$203,300.00.


Turners Falls Airport Inc. a/k/a Christian Couture. This property is located at 263 Millers Falls Road and consists of a commercial building and a mobile home. Mr. Couture is contesting the increase in value of the mobile home. He estimates its value to be 15-20K. A review of the PRC indicates the mobile home value is 20,900. It was voted to reduce the value of the mobile home to \$16,900.00.

Greg Newth – vacant parcels (44-0-81 and 44-0-82) located on Federal Street and the corner of Swamp and Federal Street. Mr. Newth provided documentation from stating the front portion of the corner lot had shallow depth to bedrock and a major portion of the lot had poor drainage conditions. Additionally, Mr. Newth provided comparable sales which were reviewed. It was voted to adjust the land valuations to take into consideration both topographical and ledge issues which would have an adverse affect on the ease of building on the parcels.

Upon a motion made and seconded, it was voted to return to open session at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.  
Director of Assessing

Minutes approved 

*ok to release. Ann Cenzano*