

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Turners Falls, MA  
**December 10, 2018**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, December 10, 2018.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board members signed the Campaign Finance Report Form per the request of the Town Clerk.

The Board signed warrants for FY2019 Real Estate Tax (\$7,980,633.54) and Personal Property Tax (\$1,504,846.00); TFFD Real Estate Tax (\$912,407.13) TFFD Personal Property Tax (\$219,930.80); MCFD Real Estate Tax (\$142,646.58) MCFD Personal Property Tax (\$2,055.95) and MLD Real Estate Tax (\$6,787.29) MLD Personal Property Tax (\$137.47).

The Assessors reviewed the email received from John Hanold, FinCom Chair, in response to question regarding annual stipends.

The issue of the legality of issuing exemptions on District tax bills was resolved with a response from DOR legal who provided an opinion and referred to case law on the subject.

The Board decided to not meet on the following Mondays: December 24 and December 31, 2018 unless time sensitive matters arose between now and the end of the year.

The Board members reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the following **Chapter 61A** applications received to date for FY2020:

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| A. Starkweather  | J. Waidlich    |
| Nourse Realty LLC (4)                                    | E. Mieczkowski |
| M. Beaubien – partial (5 acres) due to qualifying income |                |
| C. Lang Jr.  | S. Kretzenger  |
| S. Shi Kuo   | C. Dodge       |

K. Garbiel  
B. Kline  
K. Peura  
M. Waidlich

M. Greene  
P. Hanold  
M. Fraser/Daphne Bye

It was decided to hold off on applications submitted by H. Komosa and G. Billings pending additional documentation and information.

After review, the Board members voted unanimously to deny the following **Chapter 61A** applications:

Francis Hemond - Mrs. Hemond passed away in July of 2017. The application and acknowledgement page was submitted by Nourse Farms and not signed by the owner or the owner's agent.

Charles Lang, Jr - This parcel (44-0-24) was recently acquired by Mr. Lang and had not been used agriculturally for the past two years.

Sirum - The owners report zero income again. A review of the past \_\_\_ applications indicate zero income. It was decided that they do not meet the income requirements set forth by the statute.

The Board members reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the following **Chapter 61B** applications received to date for FY2020:

M. McKay  
W. Thomas  
M. Fraser/Daphne Bye (5 acres)

The Board members reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the following new **Chapter 61** application received for FY2020:

Jonathan Rawls - 108 Rear S. Prospect Street (Parcel ID 35-41). The Board members will execute a lien at their next meeting.

The Assessors meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.  
Director of Assessor

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_

**List of Documents**

Campaign Finance Report Form

FY2019 Warrants and Commitments

Email response from J. Hanold dated 12/3/2018 regarding stipends

FY2020 Chapter Applications and documents attached