

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
January 28, 2019

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 28, 2019.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Terry 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 Assessors reviewed an email received from P. Kaufman seeking a statement from the Assessors to the Mass DOR regarding land value for the Circuit Breaker tax credit. Karen will provide him with his property card and breakdown of land values.

The Board discussed instituting penalties for failure to file 38D responses. Karen provided a listing of those that have not responded last year and there were many. Karen explained that it is necessary to obtain this data to achieve proper assessments on apartment buildings and commercial properties. It was decided to revisit this issue again next year and not apply penalties.

Karen asked for suggestions on topics to include in the Annual Report. Ann suggested providing general information to taxpayers on what determines the tax rate.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve an abatement for Kearsarge LLC in order to bring the tax bill in line with the solar PILOT agreement.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve an abatement on Parcel ID 21-0-149 which is owned by the Town of Montague and should have been exempt for FY2020. An incorrect code was entered on the PRC.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve an abatement by on Parcel ID 40-0-22 which is owned by the Town of Montague and should have been exempt. An incorrect code was entered on the PRC.

The Board reviewed the abatement application filed by Teddy Gorfine. No decision was made at this time. It was decided to request additional documentation from Ms. Gorfine before acting on her request.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, February 11, 2019.

The Assessors meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Email from Paul Kaufman

Mailing List of I&E for 2018

FY2019 abatement applications and attached documents