

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
December 16, 2019

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, December 16, 2019. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. Terry Miner was unable to attend. 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 signed monthly reports for pre-posted exemptions issued in December, 2019 totaling \$58,498.61. Total exemptions pre-posed for TFFD \$766.93, MCFD \$487.06 and MLD \$2.52.

The Board signed a recommitment for MVE 2011 and 2012 per the request of the Tax Collector.

The Assessors signed FY2020 Warrants (2nd half actual) as follows:

Town Real Estate \$8,362,679.46;
Town Personal Property \$1,484,335.44;
Board of Health Liens \$1,000; Sewer Liens \$161,028.61.
Turners Falls Fire District RE \$978,103.22;
Turner Falls FD PP \$227,557.40
Montague Center Fire District RE \$146,786.34;
Montague Center FD PP \$2,190.84
Montague Light District RE \$6,708.28;
Montague Light District PP \$146.73

The Board members discussed the past history of not taxing the camps located on FirstLight property along the river. Karen contacted DOR legal who stated that these building should be taxed under M.G.L. Chapter 59 Sec. 2A and bills should be in the name of and mailed to the owner of the land. Karen is currently researching who owns these camps and why these building were not taxed previously and will contact FirstLight for a current list of individuals that they have leases with.

Board members signed a new Chapter 61 Lien for a Forest Plan submitted by WD Cowsls Inc.

The Assessors reviewed and voted to deny the following Chapter 61A Applications for FY2021.

Amelia Sirum	Various Parcels
James Senn et al	Parcel ID 46-0-014
The Rev Indenture of Trust of L. Coppinger	(partial)

Karen updated the board members on the last meeting of the four towns regarding sharing the expenses related to the next FirstLight appraisal. It was agreed that Northfield and Erving will share an appraisal for the hydro facility (and equally in cost) and Montague and Gill will share the costs equally for an appraisal. Gill Assessors are drafting the terms of the agreement and will forward to us for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Warrants & Commitments FY2020

Chapter Applications

List of Pre-Posted Exemptions FY2020

Recommitment/Warrant for MVE 2011 & 2012