

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Turners Falls, MA  
**January 6, 2020**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 6, 2020. 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 Board members signed a Notice for filing of Form of Lists pursuant to Ch 59 sec 29).

The Board members signed monthly summaries of abatements/exemptions issued in December, 2019.

The Board voted to grant an abatement on solar personal property owned by Kearsarge Montague LLC to reduce the tax bill to the agreed upon amount of \$55,000.00 for FY2020. This abatement does not apply to District taxes.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Clifford and Natalie Spatcher of Our Family Legacy Farm seeing an appeal of the decision made for denial of classification of land under Chapter 61A for Fy2021. The assessors reviewed the language in Section 4 of Chapter 61A, as well as the deed showing the purchase of the property in May of 2018 and the business certificate for Our Family Legacy Farm issued on May 30, 2018. It was noted that the letter was received on December 26, 2019 which was beyond 30 days from the date of the Notice of Action. No change was made to the Board's decision made on November 18, 2019. Karen will inform them in writing.

The Assessors reviewed and voted to approve the following Chapter 61A Application for FY2021.

Andrew Starkweather

99.73 acres Parcel ID 52-151 & 0809

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

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

**List of Documents**

Form of List Notice

Abatement Application Kearsarge Montague

Monthly summary of abatements December 2019

Correspondence from Spatcher dated 12/26/19