

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
February 24, 2020

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, February 24, 2020. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, 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 discussed the vacancy created by Terry Miner's resignation. Ann stated that she saw a notice in the newspaper posted by the Town Clerk notifying the public of the vacancy.

The Board members discussed the email received by Debra Kern regarding her property located at 123 Turners Falls Road which is across from the new DPW garage. Karen spoke with DPW Director Bergeron who indicated that they plan to plant arborvitae and put lights on a timing sensor for employees entering and exiting. He also stated the driveway to the facility will be moved so that it is not directly in front of Kern's home. The board felt any adjustments to the assessment would be premature at this point in time and will reconsider this matter next year upon the request of the property owner.

Due to a clerk's error, the Board members re-signed monthly summaries of Statutory Exemptions issued in January, 2020. Total exemptions were \$60,952.34 and the breakdown is as follows:

TOWN:	\$59,673.61
MCFD:	\$ 492.30
MLD:	\$ 2.52
TFFD	\$ 783.91

The Board voted to grant an abatement on property owned by Raymond Jarvis (Par ID 11-0-011) located at 5 Millers Falls Road due to the condition of the building. The Board also voted to grant an abatement to property owned by Chuck Wagon LLC Charles Garbiel located at 7 Avenue A for the value of the lights located in his parking lot. The Board also voted to grant an abatement on Mr. Garbiel's personal property located at that site.

Karen requested paid time away from the office devoted to professional development so that she could prepare for the case study and test necessary to obtain the Administration Assessment Specialist designation. The Board approved 2.5 days to be used during the months of March/April.

The Assessors signed 2020 MVE #1 (\$658,627.27) and 2019 MVE #8 (\$2,478.40).

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

Warren (Golf course) Parcel ID 09-078; 09-0-80; 09-089; 10-141; 10-148; 14-004

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved: _____

List of Documents

Monthly summary of Exemptions (corrected) January 2020

Correspondence from D Kerns

MVE Commitments

Various Abatement and Chapter Applications