

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
October 5, 2020

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, October 5, 2020. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Barbara Alconada and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Emery at 3:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

The Board members signed the summary of abatement and exemptions that were granted in September, 2020.

The Board also signed a warrant for motor vehicle excise tax commitment #5 totaling \$25,824.61. Also, the Board signed a warrant for 2020 Boat Excise tax totaling \$1,540.00.

The Assessors reviewed a listing of persons interested in the bid proposal for the FY22 Hydro Electric facilities appraisal.

The Board reviewed a listing of property owners who failed to return I&E data and have been marked for penalties.

Karen indicated her concerns regarding a recent episode involving a building permit that was not provided to our office. A ticket was placed with the software company (Citizen Serve) and they indicated the problem was resolved. Since there is no way to check the accuracy of what we receive, Karen suggested that we consider a system of checks and balances to ensure we are receiving all the permits issued from the Building Department.

The Board approved the following statutory exemptions for FY2021. Member Cenzano recused herself from taking action on one (1) application. A detailed listing is attached. A summary of exemptions granted is as follows:

Clause 17D	three (3) applicants --	Total Exemption amt:	\$ 525.00
Clause 41C	sixteen (16) applicants	Total Exemption amt:	\$ 8,000.00
Clause 22	sixty-three (63) apps	Total Exemption amt:	\$ 40,900 + full
Clause 37A	four (4) applicants	Total exemption amt:	\$ 2,000.00

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Monthly summary of abatements/exemptions for September
Listing of Hydroelectric valuation bid proposal
Listing of Income & Expense penalties
MVE # 5 Commitment & Boat Commitment
Statutory Exemption Approval Detailed listing