

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

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, November 2, 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.

Received email from Gill Assessors re: language change in the specifics of the bid. Because the proposal has already been accepted, Gill's issues could be better addressed by Sansoucy. Received notification of retirement of Administrative Clerk Laura Arruda effective at the end of the month. Also received request from Henry Komosa for modification of Chapter 61A decision.

The Board signed a summary of abatements/exemptions issued in October, 2020.

A discussion regarding plans for next years' recertification took place. Given the unexpected retirement of Laura Arruda, Karen would like to explore options for moving forward with staffing needs of the assessing department. The commercial properties including cell towers should be a focus for next year which may involve some outsourcing. This discussion will continue at future meetings.

The Board voted to deny the abatement application submitted by Warren and Carol Thomas for 52 Walnut Street. The Board also voted to grant an abatement for the property at 909 Fairway which is also owned by Warren and Carol Thomas.

The Board reviewed and took action on the following FY2022 Chapter applications:

Chapter 61A Approved :

Karla Kozik	West Mineral Road
Fall Farm LLC	Old Sunderland Road
Starkweather/ Westcott	West Chestnut Hill Road
Edwin Fronckus	Ferry Road

Chapter 61A Denied:

David & Harold Hemond Greenfield Road (Application not submitted by owner)

Chapter 61B Approved:

Jukebox Rev Trust S. Prospect Street

Chapter 61 Approved:

William & Susan Williams Wendell Road

Alan & Patricia McClelland Hillside Road

The FY2021 Tax Classification hearings will be scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 pending approval of valuations from the DOR.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Sansoucy Bid Proposal FY22

Various sales documents and property cards

Chapter Applications FY2022