

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Second Floor Conference Room - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
DECEMBER 14, 2020

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, December 14, 2020. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was available to members of the public via Zoom and was called to order by Chairman Emery at 3:30 p.m.

Participating remotely were Town Administrator Steve Ellis and his Administrative Secretary, Wendy Bogusz. Wendy and Steve were asked to attend remotely as a result of a recently filed complaint with the Attorney General's Office alleging a violation to the open meeting law. It was noted that both Steve and Wendy were able to be heard and hear the assessors although it was evident that speech from the masked members could be clearer.

Upon a motion made and seconded, it was vote to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

After a review of the applications, the board approved the following applications under Chapter 61A:

Paul Voiland	Greenfield Road (APR)
Andrew & Kathleen Peura	Federal Street
Mt. Grace Farm LLC	Meadow Road (APR)
Lorna Coppinger	East Chestnut Hill Road (partial)

Karen asked the Assessors how they would like to proceed with individuals who have not yet filed applications but had received classification in the past. After some discussion it was decided to send out reminders to those property owners.

The Assessors review the narrative and special article relating to the FY2022 budget. Ann noted that there was no amount for support services for VADAR which Karen will correct.

The Board members signed warrants for FY2021 real and personal property taxes as follows:

Town RE Fy21 Actual (H2)	\$8,726,519.17
Town PP Fy21 Actual (H2)	\$1,603,675.56
TFFD RE	\$ 966,084.48
TFFD PP	\$ 230,113.15
MCFD RE	\$ 142,796.64
MCFD PP	\$ 2,188.86
MLD RE	\$ 12,140.22
MLD PP	\$ 265.33
BOH Liens	\$ 2,750.00
I/E Liens	\$ 1,050.00
Sewer Liens	\$ 133,599.85

Discussion took place regarding when to hold the next meeting. It will take place on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Various Chapter Applications
Fy22 Budget data/documents
Fy21 Warrants and Commitment