

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
November 22, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, November 22, 2021. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Upon a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2021 as printed.

The meeting began with an update on the recertification process. Karen reported that the town had received preliminary approval of values pending additional reports to the DOR. This allows us to move forward with the public disclosure period. A notice has been posted on the town's website providing information on how the public can review the proposed values. The disclosure period will end on December 1, 2021 and after that the tax classification hearing will be scheduled.

The board reviewed an email from Deb Kerns about her continued concerns regarding the negative affect that the new DPW building has on her residence. Ms. Kerns had brought this issue before the board last year. Karen will provide her with the public disclosure information and will follow up with her on the process of appealing her assessment.

A request from John & Pam Hanold to merge parcels was received. It is too late to proceed with the request at this time but it will be addressed in FY2023.

The meeting with FirstLight officials has been postponed. Karen was informed by their representative that they did not wish to discuss their appraisal in a public forum. They also requested that the Board sign a document agreeing to not allow their appraisal to be made public. It was agreed that the Board cannot meet in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Upon review of Chapter Application and various documents the Board voted as follows:

Nourse Realty LLC
Gary Grey Billings
Andrew Starkweather
Nicholas Williams & Alaina Stamatis (formerly Lang)

An Application to modify the Board's decision was received from H. Komosa. The Board took no action on this.

The Board signed a warrant for 2021 MVE commitment #5 totaling \$14,429.34.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Notice of Public Disclosure

Correspondence from Hanolds re: merger request

MVE Commitment/Warrant 2021 #5

Chapter Applications and attachments

H. Komosa Modification Request received 10/18/21eust