

MINUTES

TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, February 22, 2021. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Barbara Alconada and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was available to members of the public via Zoom. Chairman Emery called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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

The Board briefly discussed policy on inspections during COVID. Attempts will be made to gain access to interior of buildings when possible with town personnel maintaining distance and masking requirements.

The Assessors signed Motor Vehicle Excise recommitments for 2010 and 2013 as well as Warrants for the first 2021 commitment and the seventh commitment from 2020.

The board signed the monthly list of abatement/exemptions issued in January, 2021.

A proforma tax bill was reviewed by the Board for parcel 19-0-12. The Mechanics Lodge, previously exempt, was sold to Dale Descavich therefore omitted taxes were billed. Omitted real estate taxes were also billed to George and Sarah Emery for parcel 49-0-30 to reflect additional acreage transferred to them by Duane Jenks.

The Board approved senior statutory exemptions to Alice Bezio and Milton Jackson for FY2021.

Karen provided the three Board members with a new OML guidance spotlight re: Social Media and email communications.

The Assessors reviewed and approved the following FY22 Chapter Applications:

Jiang Xin Miao

Suzanne Kretzenger

Edward Mieczkowski. Mr. Mieczkowski was informed that income information will need to be provided next year to maintain classification status for land that is not under APR.

It was decided to schedule the next meeting for Monday, March 15, 2021 and ask Kim Williams of Ja'Duke to attend to discuss her abatement application.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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

Approved: _____

List of Documents

MVE documents

Monthly listings January, 2021

Omitted/Revised Assessment Data

OML guidance info received from Town Clerk

Various Chapter Applications