

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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

APRIL 26, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was available to members of the public via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with two corrections/typos. A motion was also made and seconded to accept the minutes of the executive session meeting of the same date as printed.

The Assessors reviewed an email received from Amanda Alix. She is seeking additional abatements for FY 20 and 21. She did not file abatement applications therefore the Board did not agree that she was entitled to abatements for those years.

The board members reviewed and signed monthly summaries of abatements/exemptions issued in March, 2021. The Board also signed warrants for MVE # 8 for 2020 as well as for recommitment of MVE bills as requested by the tax collector.

The Assessors voted to sign a contract with Sansoucy for appraisal services for Fy2022 re: the 504 utilities as well as for a new solar on Millers Falls Road.

A discussion took place regarding several surveys recently received that combine or merge parcels. Questions arose regarding the how we should proceed. Karen asked to have legal counsel do some research to assist us in this regard. There are funds available. The board approved.

The Assessors signed a 61A lien for the Spatcher property. The Board also reviewed the FVAC values for FY22 and vote to use higher than average rates due to the soil conditions in the Montague area.

The Board voted to deny both applications submitted by Christian Couture as they were received by our office late (on April 8, 2021).

The Board voted to deny the application of Barry Elbaum for property located at 86-88 Fourth Street Turners Falls. Mr. Elbaum failed to timely response to 38D information.

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

Alix emails
Contract for Appraisal Services Sansoucy
Lien for Spatcher
FVAC Values Fy22
Monthly abatements summaries
MVE warrants and Recommitment