

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA  
**July 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, July 19, 2021.

The Board welcomed newly elected Assessor Ann Fisk. Other assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. 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 meeting of June 21, 2021.

A short discussion took place regarding reorganizing the Board. Paul Emery will continue as Chair.

The Board signed the monthly summary of abatements issued in June of 2021.

Karen updated the Board members on the lot merger issue regarding Edward Stone which was also the subject of his abatement application. Mr. Stone had a recent plan that combined several of his lots into one. This would combine a lot that has frontage on Court Square which Karen believed had value as a buildable lot.

Mr. Stone was invited to attend a future meeting to discuss this further.

The Board reviewed correspondence and documentation received from William & Amy Freeman in an effort to provide backup to their land overvaluation claim. All properties listed by the Freemans were either in Chapter or owned by municipality/district. The Board felt that no additional action was necessary.

The Board reviewed emails from Attorney Reidy regarding land purchased by Tony Somers from Teddy Gorfine. The Board made no change to their previous position that new owners should notify the forester within 90 days of the transfer of property and put the forest plan in their name.

Advertisements seeking resumes for the Assessing Technician will be published mid-July and resumes will be due August 5, 2021. The position will remain open until filled.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the regular session meeting at 4:35 p.m.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Documents**

Monthly abatements summaries

Correspondence/emails and other documents as noted