

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
September 13, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, September 13, 2021. Assessors present were Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order at exactly 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 23, 2021.

The Board signed monthly summaries of abatement/exemptions issued in August, 2021.

The board reviewed email communication from Sarah Monahan of the AGO office regarding Henry Komosa's OML claim. Her office is reconsidering their decision due to the timing issues of the videos provided by Komosa.

Karen informed the Board that Oliver Beane was hired as the Assessing Technician. He will start on Monday, September 27, 2021. Douglas will remain on to train for the new few months.

The Assessors reviewed the property card for 20-26 Newton Street (Par ID 29-0-006). This apartment building was majorly affected by a flooding incident on July 17, 2021. All tenants had to be relocated to a hotel at the owner's expense. The owner is seeking a reduction in assessment due to the structure's current condition. The Board agreed with a 50% reduction as long as it is marked to be removed when the building has been repaired.

Karen brought the board up to date on the recertification process. Land values are being reviewed. The Board reviewed a draft sales listing. Karen will continue to review sales data and will get reports to the DOR as soon as possible.

FirstLight's representative Carter Wall continues to request a meeting with the Board to discuss its FY22 assessment. Our appraisal is still in draft form but Karen will suggest several dates to meet via Zoom with FirstLight officials.

Next meeting will be held on October 4, 2021. Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the regular session meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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

Approved: _____

List of Documents

Monthly summaries August
Oliver Beane Resume