

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
January 10, 2022

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 10, 2022. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. Deb Kerns arrived at 3:45 p.m

Upon a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 22, 2021 as printed.

The Board signed the following Warrants and Commitment for FY2022 tax bills:

Montague Real Estate	\$8,904,264.52
Montague Personal Property	\$1,488,419.59
TFFD Real	\$ 985,475.72
TFFD Personal	\$ 208,573.80
MCFD Real	\$ 144,237.36
MCFD Personal	\$ 2,166.50
MLD Real	\$ 7,404.96
MLD Personal	\$ 164.21

The Board signed monthly summaries of abatements/exemptions issued in November, 2021.

Deb Kerns spoke about her continued concerns regarding the negative affect that the new DPW building has on her residence's value. Ms. Kerns also spoke about the newly constructed salt/sand shed that is available to the public. She told the board that headlights are directly aimed at the front of her house and that people and contractors access the sand at all hours of the day and night especially during bad weather. The light posts located at the DPW parking lot area are always on and she stated that there was a humming sound coming from the building that is continuous. She stated that the town had indicated there would be a row of trees blocking the view, however, the photos she provided showing her view of the DPW facility shows the tree line is very sparse and does not completely block the DPW complex. Ms. Kern believes that all of these issues together create a detrimental and negative effect on her ability to enjoy her home. Karen indicated that she would follow up with the Town Admin and the DPW Superintendent.

The Board members spoke about whether we should send a FOIA request to Gill asking for a copy of FirstLight's appraisal that was provided to them. Karen will send out this week.

Karen provided the board members with a letter to be sent to Chapter 61A applicants reminding them of the income requirements needed to remain classified. This will be sent out to various applicants who have not been providing income data with the notice that this will be necessary to remain under the program in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Photographs of Salt Shed/DPW building provided by Ms. Kerns

FY2022 Warrants and Commitment

Monthly report of Abatements/Exemptions November 2021

Chapter letter dated 1/12/2022 regarding income requirements