

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA  
**January 31, 2022**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 31, 2022. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. Members of the public attending remotely via Zoom were Tony and Tracey Somers and Olivia Tusinski. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. An announcement was made that the meeting was being recorded.

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

The Board signed monthly summaries of abatements/exemptions issued in December, 2021 and January 2022. They also reviewed and signed a 2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Recommitment in the amount of 43.13 (2014).

Karen discussed the plan to convert our software which will require License Agreement with Patriot Properites. Not sure on date – hold off on signing didn't have board sign.

At 3:45 p.m. Tony and Tracey Somers of 146 Old Sunderland Road spoke to the Board about their new assessment. They believed that since they went from a two family to a one family there should have been a decrease. When asked about the large building permit that was pulled, they stated that all work was done within the existing footprint of the house. They've looked at several comps and have 5 houses they think are similar. The work was completed and they were issued a CO in September, 2021. Karen will provide them with an abatement application and it was suggested that an inspection be scheduled.

Oliva Tusinski appeared before the board next to discuss the valuation of the church she purchased for 90,000. She stated that the condition of the church should be taken into consideration. The basement was wet with seepage from the foundation. They will need to repair with a French drain. There is no bath and no one is currently living in the building. She will provide an inspection report and a list of comps for the board to review. The Board will reconsider at their next meeting and get back to her.

Fy2022 abatement application - none

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

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

**List of Documents**

Monthly report of Abatements/Exemptions  
Patriot Property Master Agreement  
Tusinski Abatement documentation