

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
February 14, 2022

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, February 14, 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.

Upon a motion made by Ann Fisk and seconded by Ann Cenzano, the board voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Assessors reviewed a recent email received from Peter Pinaridi and directed Karen on how to respond.

The Board signed the Master License Agreement with Patriot Properties. This license is necessary for the conversion to AP5 software.

Regarding Mr. and Mrs. Somers concerns on their assessment, Assessors Cenzano and Fisk agreed to inspect their residence at 146 Old Sunderland Road along with Karen Tonelli.

The Board discussed the pending Appellate Tax Board matter regarding 41 K Street. After consideration of the pending appeal hearing, the board made an offer to settle contingent upon a withdrawal. If agreed by the property owner, the FY2021 assessment will be reduced to 153,900. Karen will relay the offer to the taxpayer. The Board discussed Deb Kern's FY22 abatement application. Karen reported to the assessors on her discussion with both DPW Superintendent Tom Bergeron and Town Administrator Steve Ellis. After some discussion, it was decided to adjust the Kern residence at 123 Turners Falls Road by 10% to take into consideration the issues she raised concerning the DPW facility and the salt shed both of which are located across the street from her house. The Board also took into consideration the residences on both sides of the Kern residence and will apply the same discount going forward (121 Turners Falls Road and 127 Turners Falls Road).

The Board signed MVE Warrant for 2022 Commitment #1 totaling \$663,821.27. The Board also signed MVE Warrant for 2021 #6 totaling \$4,033.27.

Karen explained that the PILOT tax bills were less than the agreed amounts therefore Revised bills to Kearsarge will be sent out. The Board signed omitted/revised statement totaling \$1,280.45 for both PILOTS. The board also signed a Proforma warrant for the Judd Wire parking lot recently purchased from the Town of Montague.

The Assessors approved a new veteran's spousal exemption for Carol Mayrand for property located at 14 West Main Street due to the death of her husband who was a veteran. The Board also approved an elderly exemption for Alice Bezio for her residence at 35 Greenfield Cross Road.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved: _____

List of Documents

Patriot Property Master License Agreement
Tusinski Abatement/ documentation
Kern abatement/documentation
Omitted/Revised Report – Kearsarge
Pinardi Email dated 2/11/22
MVE Warrants (2022 & 2021)