

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA  
**June 27, 2022**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, June 27, 2022. Assessors present: Chairman Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made and seconded it was voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Upon a motion made and seconded it was voted to accept the minutes of the previous Executive session meeting as printed.

Two (2) letters of interest were received for the vacant position on the board. The Assessors will review and decide at a later meeting.

The Board discussed television coverage of future meetings by MCTV. Both Ann Cenzano and Ann Fisk felt that it was a good idea to have transparency with respect to assessing procedures and having meetings available via broadcasting to members of the public would move toward that. Karen will prepare a schedule of upcoming meeting dates and request MCTV to attend the meetings in the future.

The Board signed a FY2022 proforma tax bill for the parcel of land on Federal Street that was recently auctioned.

Monthly summary of abatements/exemption issued in the month of May were signed by the Board.

The Board signed Preliminary Fy2023 Real and Personal Property Tax Warrants along with warrants for each District. Tax bills are expected to be mailed July 1, 2022.

Chris Couture came before to board to discuss the three abatement applications he filed. The first application discussed was for the personal property located at his retail paint store. He said that several items that he previously indicated were gone were still being billed. He also stated that the business has closed. The second application he discussed was for real estate located at 320 Avenue A Turners Falls MA (ParID 05-0-047). The value for Fy2022 is 412,000.00. His opinion is that the correct assessment is closer to 334,000 (which was the assessment back in 2019). A tenant (Simon's Stamps) in the building recently closed their business. The third abatement filed was on the trailer park located at 259 Millers Falls Road (17-0-030). Karen explained what "other" assessment was on his

property card. Karen also brought up the lack of income and expense information and why it was important for him to provide that every year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

At 4:41 p.m. a Motion was made to enter into Executive Session under purposes 7 & 9 to discuss and/or take action on pending litigation and abatement applications. Chairman Cenzano stated that we will not return to open session. Roll call was taken: Cenzano Yes Fisk Yes.

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

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

**List of Documents**

Monthly summaries May, 2022  
Preliminary Fy2023 Warrants  
Correspondence regarding board vacancy  
Abatement applications Couture