

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
July 18, 2022

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Wednesday, July 18, 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 held on June 29, 2022 as printed.

At approximately 3:37 p.m. personnel from MCTV began recording the meeting due to unexpected technical issues.

Emails received from Henry Komosa and Chris Pinardi were reviewed. Karen reported that Mr. Stone will be attending the next assessors meeting along with Anne Kittredge regarding questions on non-productive land.

The Assessors signed Pro Forma tax warrants for 500 Avenue A which transferred last week. The parcel was the old DPW garage and is now privately owned. The Assessors also signed abatement summaries for the month of June, 2022.

A request to release overlay funds was made by the Montague Center Light Prudential Committee. The overlay balance as of 6/30/2022 is \$8,803.10. After some discussion, Ann Fisk made a motion to release the sum of \$5,000.00 which was seconded by Ann Cenzano. So voted.

The Board then reviewed the Montague Center Fire District overlay balance which is \$8,752.69 as of 6/30/2022. After some discussion, A. Fisk made a motion to release the sum of \$5,000.00 which was seconded by A. Cenzano. So voted.

The Board then reviewed the Turners Falls Fire District overlay balance which is \$200,455.51 as of 6/30/2022. After some discussion, A. Fisk made a motion to release the sum of \$100,000.00 which was seconded by A. Cenzano. So voted.

Lastly, the Board reviewed the Town of Montague overlay balance which is \$768,550.36 as of 6/30/2022. A. Fisk made a motion to release the sum of \$250,000.00 which was seconded by A. Cenzano. So voted.

Karen informed the Board that she has been elected to the Massachusetts Assessors Association Organization's Executive Board which will meet monthly with most of the meetings being held remotely.

The Board voted to appoint Karen Tonelli as Director of Assessing. The Board discussed the Board vacancy created by Paul Emery's departure and reviewed the two letters of interest received. After some discussed, it was voted to recommend Rebecca Sabelawski to the Board of Selectmen for appointment until the next election.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Monthly Summaries – June, 22

Various emails

Letters of Interest – Board vacancy

Overlay Balance Sheets

500 Avenue A ProForma Town and TFFD