

MINUTES OF A MEETING
MONTAGUE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

November 7, 2024

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on November 7, 2024. Assessors present: Chair Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, Rebecca Sabelawski and Karen Tonelli.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cenzano at 10:00 a.m. Upon a motion made by A. Cenzano and seconded by A. Fisk the minutes of the previous regular session meeting were accepted.

The Board reviewed final sales data for Fy2025 which will be submitted to the DOR.

The Board also reviewed and discussed a policy regarding the merging of parcels. Upon a motion made and seconded, all voted favor of adopting the new policy effective immediately.

The Board reviewed the FY2026 Chapter 61 Application submitted by Henry Komosa. Mr. Komosa's application is seeking agricultural classification for all land he owns and he states that he hays 5 acres with .6 acres devoted to maple sugaring. It was noted that we are awaiting a finding or decision from the MA Appeals Court relative to Mr. Komosa's past claims. Based upon the board's knowledge of the fact that he is not haying 5 acres it was voted unanimously to deny. Karen will send out the Denial Notice with information about appeals to Mr. Komosa via certified mail.

At 10:37 a.m. a motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session under purpose #3 as indicated on the posted agenda. Chair Cenzano stated that an open meeting would be detrimental to the town's litigating position and also declared that the Board would not be reconvening in open session. Roll called taken as follows: A. Cenzano "aye", A. Fisk "aye" and R. Sabelawski "aye."

Regular meeting session adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Submitted by,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

List of Documents

LA3 Sales report

Policy On Merging Lots

Komosa Chapter Application FY26