

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
MONTAGUE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

**December 3, 2024**

A joint meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors and the town's three Districts took place on December 3, 2024. Assessors present: Chair Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, Rebecca Sabelawski and Karen Tonelli. Assessing Technician Oliver Beane was present as well.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cenzano at 5:00 p.m. with the arrival of the members of the Montague Center Fire District, Sam Lovejoy and Mary Kociela. After some discussion, the MCFD Prudential Committee voted to adopt a single tax rate for FY2025.

At approximately 6:00 p.m. the Assessors met with the Montague Light District Prudential Committee members Chris Wise and Bruce Watson. Roy Rosenblatt, the accounting officer was also present. Discussion took place regarding the lower expenses due to the installation of LED street lights and the effect this will have on future tax rates. Several options were discussed such as not levying a tax next year, disbanding the Light District and asking the town take over the services of the District or continuing on with the very low rate. They will meet in the future to discuss further. The Committee voted to adopt a single tax rate for FY2025.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. the Assessors were joined by the members of the Turners Falls Fire District Prudential Committee: David Zamojski, Leon Ambro and Eric Meals. A discussion regarding the valuation and levy changes took place along with a review of the split rate options. The Prudential Committee voted to adopt a split rate using a residential a factor of .7827. Also decided that the overlay should be lowered to approximately 220K.

The Assessors meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

**List of Documents**

Recap summary reports for each district