

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
MONTAGUE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

**January 13, 2025**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on January 13, 2025. Assessors present: Chair Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, and Rebecca Sabelawski. Also present: Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing, Oliver Beane, Assessor Technician, and Diane Sumrall.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The Board voted to approve December 9th meeting minutes.

The Board signed Chapter liens for Ralph L. and Joan E. Ellis, and Mary Sherilyn McKay and Charles Doherty.

Discussed personal property exemption threshold increase. Board agreed to recommend increasing the threshold to \$10,000 at Town Meeting.

The Board signed the Form of List Assessors' Notice.

The Board reviewed the FY 2026 budget.

The Board discussed Gill and Montague working together for Firstlight valuation. Karen Tonelli reviewed the history of Gill and Montague in regard to Firstlight. Diane Sumrall joined the discussion, giving insight from the Gill point of view. The Board decided they should meet with the Gill Board of Assessors to discuss the FY2027 Firstlight valuation.

Diane Sumrall discussed the Hero Act and the possibility of the town increasing Veteran, Senior, and Blind Exemptions. The Town is already reviewing this and possible increases.

Regular meeting session adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

**List of Documents**

35-0-23 – Ralph L. Ellis and Joan E. Ellis Chapter Lien

20-0-47 – Mary Sherilyn McKay and Charles Doherty Chapter Lien

Form of List Assessors' Notice