

Minutes
Town of Montague Assessors' Department
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor), Turners Falls, MA
October 25, 2012
Date amended to October 24, 2012

Members Present: Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Betty Waidlich
Staff Present: Barbara Miller, Director of Assessing
Meeting convened 3:30 p.m.

- Approved Minutes of September 24, 2012
Motion made by Ms. Waidlich, Second by Ms. Miner, Vote unanimous

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

- Time sheets for Ms. Miller, weeks ending 10/06/2012, 10/13/2012 and 10/20/2012 signed by Mr. Emery
- Previous to Current Valuation Reports sent via email 10/18/2012, Board members reviewed the reports prior to attending the meeting, Ms. Miller to move forward with the valuation approval process.
- Personal Exemption applications approved and signed. Board will vote the exemptions in their entirety when the monthly list is complete
- Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Recommitment
 - Levy 2009 - \$57.50
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous
- Motor Vehicle Excise Monthly List of Abatement for the month of September, 2012
 - Levy 2011 - \$48.13
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous
- Chapter Land Applications
 - Parcel 35-0-36, Rear South Prospect Street Classified Recreational Land Application and Tax Lien
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous
 - Parcels 51-0-96, 51-0-97, Gunn Road and 51-0-98, Route 63 Classified Agricultural or Horticultural Land Application and Tax Lien
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous
 - Parcel 35-0-45, 73Mormon Hollow Road Classified Recreational Land Application and Tax Lien
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous
 - Parcel 35-0-47, 73 Mormon Hollow Road Classified Recreational Land Application and Tax Lien
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous

UPDATES TO BOARD

- Mr. McIntosh has announced his retirement effective November 15, 2012
 - Letter accepting his retirement notification
 - Internal posting notice reviewed by the board
- Ms. Miller will not be attending the MAAO Executive Board Past Presidents' Luncheon November 1, 2012 due to unexpected family obligations
- Ms. St. Amand to attend the Patriot Fall Users' Conference November 28th at the Delaney House, 1 Country Club Rd (Route 5) in Holyoke

- Tax Classification Hearings are set for November 5, 2012:
 - 5:30-Turners Falls Fire District, Assessors Office, Town Hall, 1 Avenue A
 - 6:00-Montague Center Fire District, Assessors Office, Town Hall, 1 Avenue A
 - 6:30-Montague Lighting District, Assessors Office, Town Hall, 1 Avenue A
 - 7:00-Town of Montague, Upstairs Conference Room, Town Hall, 1 Avenue A
- ATB Updates
 - 18-0-05 Hearing Scheduled 11/29/2012 at 9:30 a.m.
 - Verizon non-Boston and Newton pretrial order regarding remand
 - Verizon scope of remand

Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements

- Chapter 59 Section 38D fees to be imposed after final mailing of Income and Expense Information Request
- Mechanics Lodge Building Association Exempt Status-Mr. Craig S. MacPherson, Assistant Grand Treasurer of the Mass. Free Masonry spoke with Ms. Miller and is in agreement that the Mechanics Lodge Building Association must file a Form PC with the Attorney General's Office in order to obtain charitable status for the purpose of obtaining an exemption from real estate tax. Mr. MacPherson sent an email to Mr. Packard of the Mechanics Lodge, with a c.c. to Ms. Miller, stating "Since 2007 Grand Lodge has been instructing Building Associations of the need to file a 3ABC with the local assessor and the form pc with the Attorney General every year"

Meeting Adjourned 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller
Director of Assessing

Minutes approved _____