

Minutes
Town of Montague Assessors' Department
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor), Turners Falls, MA
March 31, 2014

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

- Approved Minutes of March 17, 2014
Motion made by Ms. Waidlich, Second by Ms. Miner, Vote unanimous
- Approved Executive Session Minutes of March 17
Motion made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

- Time sheets for Ms. Miller, weeks ending 03/22/2014 and 03/29/2014 signed by Mr. Emery
- 3:35 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Emery Chair, to convene in Executive Session under Purpose 7 “to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general law,” to comply with Chapter 59 Section 60 to discuss Personal Exemptions and Real Estate Abatement Applications. Second by Ms. Miner. Vote Unanimous. The board will return to open session.
- 3:43 p.m. Motion to return to open session made by Ms. Miner, Second by Ms. Waidlich, Vote unanimous

UPDATES TO BOARD

- Ms. Miller informed the board that Mr. Mark Fisk came to the assessors office last week inquiring as to the actions required for the Montague Lighting District to merge into the Montague Center Fire District. He stressed that it was only at the research stage.
 - While attending a Mass. Assessors Association Legislative Committee meeting recently, Ms. Miller spoke with Municipal Finance Law Bureau Chief, Kathleen Colleary, regarding the possible disbanding of the Montague Center Lighting District. She unfortunately didn't have specifics readily available in regards to the steps necessary but she did provide some direction. She began by stating the obvious, that it would require votes of each district at their respective District Meetings. She also mentioned that you might get assistance from Senate or House Council. Ms. Miller called Representative Kulik's office and his aide, Sean Connolly, called this afternoon stating that House Council is writing sample legislation to assist if the MLD and MCFD vote to move forward on this issue.

Meeting Adjourned 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller
Director of Assessing

Minutes approved _____