

**Minutes**  
**Town of Montague Assessors' Department**  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Turners Falls, MA  
**January 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 11, 2016. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing.

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

A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed.

**VOTES AND/OR SIGNATURES REQUIRED:**

Time Sheets for Ms. Tonelli for the period ending 1/2/2016 and 1/9/2016 were signed by Mr. Emery;

The Assessors signed a summary of FY2016 statutory exemptions issued in December, 2015 for the Town of Montague totaling \$44,275.00. They also signed similar summaries for exemptions issued for the Turners Falls Fire District totaling \$643.72, Montague Center Fire District totaling \$98.70 and Montague Lighting District totaling \$3.42.

The board members reviewed and signed Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Commitment # 7 for the sum of \$2,107.93 and Commitment #7A for \$95.00.

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Recommitments for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 totaling \$253.65 were also signed by the Board.

The Assessors reviewed and signed monthly summary reports for 2015 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise for December in the amount of \$96.04 and Boat Excise for the amount of \$55.00.

The Assessors signed the Notice of List to Owners of Personal Property situated in town as of January 1, 2016. This will be posted in the office and at various locations in town.

Karen reported that she received a request for exemption of real estate taxes due to the inability to afford the taxes. The Board discussed the statutory options available to individuals for

hardship reasons and decided that it would be best to deal with each such request on a case by case basis rather than to establish set criteria..

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tonelli, M.A.A.  
Director of Assessing

Minutes approved:\_\_\_\_\_