

Minutes
Town of Montague Assessors' Department
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor), Turners Falls, MA
August 25, 2014

Members Present: Paul Emery, Teresa Miner

Absent: Betty Waidlich

Staff Present: Barbara Miller, Director of Assessing

Meeting convened 3:30 p.m.

- Approved Minutes of August 18, 2014, Vote may be taken
Motion made by Mr. Emery, Second by Ms. Miner, Vote unanimous

- **SIGNATURES REQUIRED**
- Time sheet for Ms. Miller, week ending 08/23/2014 signed by Mr. Emery
- Forms for approval of FY2015 Valuations not complete

- 4:35 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 Real Estate Abatement Applications. Second by Ms. Miner. Vote unanimous.
The board will return to open session.
- 4:45 p.m. Motion to return to open Session made by Mr. Emery, second by Ms. Miner, Vote unanimous

- **UPDATES TO BOARD**
- Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements
Ms. Miller provided documentation and discussed parcel 42-0-21. The assessors map from FY2010 indicates parcel 42-0-21’s southern border is within the boundary of the river. The later maps with an updated layer of the river indicate the river boundary has shifted several feet. After lengthy deed research of parcels 42-0-21, 42-0-19, 42-0-18, 42-0-20 and 42-0-22 it has been determined, by Ms. Miller, that the southern boundary of 42-0-21 should follow the line of the river; which has moved over the years. The language in the deed is "Meaning and Intending to convey that portion of the land that was reserved in the aforementioned deed [Bk 747- Pg 26] of Josephine M. Jackson to Arthur E. Fisk Which reservation was as follows: 'Reserving also all that portion of the above-described property lying between the mill tailrace and the river.'" The boundary of 42-0-19 encompasses 42-0-21 with defined boundaries that do not mention the river and then parcel 42-0-21 is excepted out of the description by the above statement. Therefore an adjustment will be made to the line of 42-0-21 to follow the line of the river and the acreage will be adjusted accordingly. This adjustment will cause an adjustment to the acreage of 42-0-19. Parcels 42-0-18, 42-0-20 and 42-0-22 will not be affected by this change. It is important to note the Assessors maps are for assessment purposes only and are not valid for legal description or conveyance. Any concerns which may arise should be addressed through a professional survey of the parcels.

Meeting Adjourned 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller
Director of Assessing

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