

MINUTES  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Turners Falls, MA  
**January 9, 2017**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, January 9, 2017.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed and approved the following blind/senior exemption applications:

Richard B. Forsaith  
David Svoboda  
Carole A. Conway  
Theresa Lucas

The Board reviewed the application of G. Kuhn and found that she did not meet the statutory requirements under Ch 59 Sec. 5 Cl. 41C. A denial notice was signed and will be mailed to her.

The Board members signed an authorization allowing Karen Tonelli to sign Land of Low Value documents on their behalf.

The Assessors signed Proforma Warrants for the Town of Montague (\$212.32) and the Turners Falls Fire District (\$36.97) regarding 2 New Street which was auctioned recently.

The Assessors signed a 2014 MVE Recommitment in the amount of \$70.11.

The Assessors discussed FY2018 budget requests for the Fire Districts. Karen indicated that last year no increases in salaries were requested. An increase between 2% - 4% will be submitted for FY2018 based upon the past five years' trend of budget increases.

Karen informed the Board members that she will be attending the first meeting of the MAAO Advisory Committee for Review of Certification Standards and Best Practices on February 8, 2017 at the Worcester DOR office. She will also attend the next Franklin

County Assessors meeting to seek comments from county assessors regarding the certification process.

The Board reviewed recent emails that were sent to and received from Atty. Flynn regarding Parcel ID 42-0-21 (Meadow Road).

The Board signed an Assessors Notice regarding the filing of Forms of Lists. This notice will be posted in the office.

Regarding an abatement application submitted by Jon Waidlich for Parcel ID 18-0-10, it was determined that the State Forester's office made an error when writing the dates on his Chapter 61 Plan. His plan is in full effect until December 31, 2020. Therefore, an abatement to the land value was in order and the Board approved his application.

Ann Cenzano made a motion, which was seconded by Paul Emery, to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_

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

**List of Documents – December 19, 2016 meeting**

- Emails to/from Atty. Flynn;
- FY17 Abatement Application - Jon Waidlich
- Assessors Notice under M.G.L. Ch. 59 Sec. 29
- Various Exemption Applications
- Authorization for signature
- Proforma Warrants Town and TFFD for 2 New Street
- MVE Recommitment dated 1/9/17