

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
May 15, 2017

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, May 15, 2017.

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. Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Time sheets for the Director of Assessing were approved by the Chairman.

The Assessors read correspondence from Attorney Flynn and Attorney Pill regarding the Deane parcel.

The Assessors executed a settlement agreement proposed by the DOR for the pending cases with Verizon New England Inc. The terms of the settlement are withdrawal of the pending 2010 and 2011 cases in exchange for total abatement in the amount of \$10,736.89. No interest shall be given per agreement. Additionally, the value methodology to be used in the future has been agreed upon.

The Assessors signed a Boat Excise Recommitment for 2014 in the amount of \$25.00;
The Assessors signed a MVE Recommitment for 2014 for \$134.58; 2013 for \$100.63; 2012 for 41.25; 2011 for \$23.75 and 2004 for \$46.88.

The Assessors also signed monthly summaries of abatements issued in April, 2017.

The Board discussed the abatement application submitted by Megan Veith for 57 Mormon Hollow Rd (ParID 35-0-15). It was voted to grant an abatement to take into account the condition of the house. The adjusted FY17 assessment is \$183,600.00.

The Board discussed the abatement application submitted by Marcel Viens for 43H J Street (ParID 3-08-081). The property was purchased by Mr. Viens at foreclosure. It was voted to deny.

The Board discussed the abatement application submitted by Benjamin A. Beauchaine for 491 A&B Federal Street (ParID 48-3A-0137). Mr. Beauchaine recently purchased the property which had been two condo units. The master deed has been dissolved and it will

be considered a two family for FY2018. Based on the assessment date for FY2017 of 1/1/16, the property was a condo for FY2017. The Board voted to deny the application.

The Board discussed the application of Gregory Marshall of 57 Davis St (ParID 11-0-026) Karen Tonelli inspected the house and believes that an adjustment should be make due to the location of the house which is near the Montague House Authority. The Board members decided to hold off on this application until they have a chance to drive by the house.

The regular session meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:_____

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

List of Documents

Time Sheets

Verizon New England v. Montague Settlement Agreement (Docket#C301064 & C306654)

Monthly Abatement Summaries April, 2017

MVE Recommitments

Various abatement applications and supporting documents