

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

December 11, 2017

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, December 11, 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.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. The Board voted unanimously.

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

The Assessors discussed the budget to be submitted for FY2019. Karen stated that she will be seeking funds for a subcontractor to review and analyze commercial/industrial properties. In the past, funds for this purpose were requested each year, however, last year in FY2018 this work was done in house. Karen would like to continue this pattern of using outside services on an "as needed basis" until the next revaluation is performed.

The Board decided to request an increase in their annual stipend from \$1,500 to \$1,800. Overall, the FY19 budget request was not expected to increase substantially.

The Assessors signed a warrant for the recommitment of MVE taxes in the amount of \$241.99 for various years per request of the tax collector.

The Assessors reviewed and signed a monthly summary of abatements issued in November, 2017.

Karen informed the Board that the Selectmen will be designating Mr. George Sansoucy as a Special Municipal Employee at their next meeting.

The Assessors approved a fee of \$25.00 for the purpose of preparing and notarizing chapter liens which are required when one classifies their land under M.G.L. Chapter 61, 61A and 61B.

The Board signed a lien for additional land classified by Bye/Fraiser.

After reviewing the applications submitted by Denton & Marsha Smith of Mormon Hollow Road, the board approved Chapter 61B Classification for 3 parcels: 35-0-045; 46 and 47. This classification is in line with the recently recorded survey of the parcels which are all subject to Conservation Restrictions. One parcel (35-0-46) was denied Chapter 61A status due to language (Paragraph B 3a) of the Restriction. The owners will be notified.

The Assessors discussed the status of Gregory Newth's request for reimbursement of taxes. The matter will come before the Selectboard at their meeting of January 8, 2018.

The Board reviewed photographs of property owned by Henry Komosa on Rte 63 as well as his 2016 Farm Income Statement. After some discussion, it was decided to take no further action. Karen will contact Mr. Komosa and inform him of the board's decision.

The Board will next meet on Monday, December 18, 2017 and will not meet on the following two Mondays (December 25th and January 1st) due to the holidays.

Regular session meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:_____

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

List of Documents

- Time Sheets
- Recommitment of MVE tax (various years)
- Monthly summary statements
- Preliminary FY19 Budget sheet
- Chapter Applications, documents & photographs