

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
November 8, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, November 8, 2021. Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Upon a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2021 as printed.

Karen brought the board up to date on the issue of our assessing software which is in need of updating/converting to new software. Funding for this through a state grant might be possible as indicated by Steve Ellis and he has submitted an application to the Community Compact grant on our behalf for this purpose. Two (2) quotes were received – one from Vision software and one from our current software, AssessPro. Karen explained that this conversion is long overdue and is necessary because the current version of AssessPro does not work well with the newer Microsoft updates. It should be noted that funding for this task was received six years ago but the conversion was not followed through.

The Board signed the monthly summary of abatements issued in October, 2021.

Karen indicated that she has not yet completed her review of the remaining FY2023 Chapter applications therefore no action was taken on these.

The Assessors reviewed sales reports and the quartile stats/overall stats that had been submitted to the DOR. We are awaiting a formal response but Karen spoke with our rep who indicated the stats were acceptable and in line with DOR certification requirements.

The Board signed a MVE excise recommitment for a 2020 bill that was received from another town.

The Board reviewed all of the statutory exemption applications received to date for FY2022. It was voted to deny the application of Miriam Shannon Shreve as she did not meet the qualification requirements set forth in the statute. The Board voted to grant exemptions as indicated on the attached sheet. A total of three (3) blind exemptions, fifty-eight (58) Veteran exemptions and seventeen (17) Elderly exemptions were approved.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the regular session meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Monthly abatements summaries

FY23 Statutory Exemption Applications with documentation

FY22 LA-3, LA-15 and sales ratio reports

MVE Recommitment from the Town of Franklin MA

Listing of FY2022 approved statutory exemptions