

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
Second Floor - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA
August 22, 2022

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on August 22, 2022.
Assessors present: Chairman Ann Cenzano, Ann Fisk, and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. Newly appointed Assessor Rebecca Sabelawski was present as well along with Ed Stone and Anne Marie Kittredge. The meeting was called to order 3:30 p.m.
No one from MCTV was present to record the meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded it was voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed

Correspondence from Attorney Graves and Attorney Tom Reidy were received/read. Karen will request more information from Atty. Graves. Karen asked that a response to Mr. Reidy's draft of the 8/58 form be held off until the next meeting so that it can be reviewed more thoroughly.

The Assessors signed monthly abatements for July, 2022. The Board also signed several motor vehicle warrants.

A discussion regarding the current sales data took place. Karen provided the board members with preliminary data on the sales. This will be discussed again at a future meeting as more data is further reviewed.

Anne Marie Kittredge spoke on behalf of Mr. Stone's request to have additional acreage be classified as non productive land under Chapter 61A. Anne Marie explained that she was a forester working for the Commonwealth in the past although she is no longer licensed. She indicated that the treed portion of Mr. Stone's land would not qualify for a forest management plan. In support of the non productive nature of the land Anne Marie provided soil maps and indicated that some of the land had a steep (60%) slope and was rocky with surface area covered in boulders and the depth to water table was 80" (not wetlands). Ann Cenzano asked how many acres she estimated were non productive and Anne Marie said approx 7 acres. Ann Fisk asked if these non productive areas were a building lot. Karen responded that the 2 acres building lot on Court Square was already under Chapter 61A as hayland. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board members signed statements regarding Pinardi FOIA request regarding their personal emails/phone texts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved:_____

List of Documents

Monthly Summaries July 22

Soil Survey Natural Resources Conservation Services

Graves letter dated 8/8/22 re: Komosa parcels

Thomas Reidy's draft form (8 of 58) dated 8/8/22