

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Second Floor Conference Room - Montague Town Hall - 1 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA

MAY 17, 2021

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. The meeting was available to members of the public via Zoom. 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 previous meeting.

Amanda Alix presented before the board via Zoom. She believes the law provides an assumption that a decision on value by the ATB should be held for 3 years and she should receive additional abatements. She relies on her interpretation of M.G.L. Chapter 58A § 12A which indicates that costs may awarded by the ATB. Since abatement applications were not filed by Ms. Alix for those subsequent years, Karen's recommendation to the Board is that it was prohibited from granting abatements.

The board members reviewed and signed monthly summaries of abatements/exemptions issued in April, 2021. The Board also signed recommitment warrants for 2011 and 2012 motor vehicle excise totaling \$30.00 for each year.

The Assessors signed a Release of Lien/Certificate of Penalty Taxes on parcel 51-0-100 (Komosa).

The Board members reviewed a draft job description for the part time position of temporary field viewer. Karen suggested that there might be another path to accomplishing the task of outside field work. She has been approached by Jay Whelihan an assessor who is experienced in field work and is familiar with our software system. Jay submitted a proposal to do the work on a per parcel basis. The assessors thought this would be a favorable solution in that he would be able to begin the work sooner than someone who would need to be trained. Karen will follow up with Jay to work on the details of an agreement in the hope that he could begin next month.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Emery and seconded by Assessor Cenzano, it was voted to adjourn the regular session meeting at 4:15 p.m. A motion was also made and seconded to enter into Executive Session under Purpose 7. Roll call was taken as follows: Paul Emery

“Yes” Ann Cenzano “Yes”. Chairman Emery stated that the board would not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen M. Tonelli, M.A.A.

Approved: _____

List of Documents

Alix emails

M.G.L.Chapter 58A Section 12A

Course 101 Handbook section on abatements

Monthly abatements summaries

MVE warrants and Recommitments

Komosa Release of Lien/Certificate

Quote from Jay Whelihan for inspection services