

Minutes
Town of Montague Assessors' Department
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
November 16, 2015

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, November 16, 2015.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing.

Chairman Emery called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

VOTES AND/OR SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Time Sheets for Ms. Tonelli for the period ending 11/14/2015 were signed by Mr. Emery;

Members of the Turners Falls Fire District were present for the Tax Classification Hearing. Prudential Committee members in attendance were Jay Dipucchio, David Zamojski and Richard Kuklewicz. After some discussion regarding options available for a single or split rate, a motion was made and seconded to adopt a shift of 1.22% to the commercial, industrial and personal property classes. All were in favor. The proposed rates for FY2016 are \$3.08 for residential and \$4.35 for CIP.

The Assessors then reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Terry Miner made a motion, which was seconded, to approve the minutes as printed. All were in favor.

At 6:00 p.m. the members of the Montague Lightning District arrived for the Tax Classification Hearing. Present were Sharon Faldasz, Treasurer, Kathy Peura, Clerk as well as Mark Fisk, Becca Sablawski, Veronica Phaneuf and David Leh of the Prudential Committee. Some discussion concerning the overlay account took place. After reviewing all options available, a motion was made and seconded to adopt a single tax rate for FY2016. All were in favor. The proposed rate of .09 cents is the same as last year's rate.

At 6:25 p.m. members of the Montague Center Fire District were present. Chief John Greene and Prudential Committee Members Diane Hansen and Joseph Viadero were in attendance. After discussing the options available for shifting the rate, a motion was made and seconded to adopt a single tax rate for 2016. All were in favor. The proposed rate of \$1.41 reflects an increase of .3 cents from last year.

At 7:05 a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tonelli, M.A.A.

Minutes approved: _____