

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

May 9, 2016

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, May 9, 2016.

Assessors present: Chairman Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Ann Cenzano and Karen Tonelli, Director of Assessing. Also present was Chris Wise, Hannah and Celeste Fuller-Boswell of the Montague Common Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the previous regular session meeting as printed.

VOTES AND/OR SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Time Sheet for Ms. Tonelli for the period ending 5/7/2016 was signed by Mr. Emery;

The assessors discussed the 3ABC application submitted by Chris Wise on behalf of the Friends of the Common Hall. Karen inspected the premises and found the building to be in need of substantial repairs due to lack of maintenance over a long period of time. Hannah and Chris both spoke of their efforts to repair the building. All fees charged are used for utilities, maintenance and repair costs associated with the building. Chris provided a copy of the original deed which contains language restricting the use of the land to a meetinghouse or for expanding the public common. Paul Emery made a motion to allow an exemption of the property. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The property will be exempt for FY2017 and will be reviewed annually by the Board upon receipt of the appropriate paperwork from the Friends of the Common Hall.

The Board signed Motor Vehicle Excise Recommitments for 2011 totaling (\$19.38) and 2012 totaling (20.83).

The Board will not be meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016. Also, the Assessors decided to adopt a summer meeting schedule. Beginning in June, the Board will meet every other week with the exception of Holiday Mondays.

The Assessors approved and signed the request from the Tax Collector for 2013 (\$7,936.72) and 2014 (\$10,392.70) motor vehicle excise tax determined to be uncollectible. The Board also approved and signed Boat Excise Uncollectables for 2013 (\$185.00) and 2014 (\$343.00) per the Tax Collectors request.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to abate the real estate taxes for the Senior Center which is currently owned by Power Town Lmtd.

At 4:25 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Minutes approved: _____