

**Minutes**  
**Town of Montague Assessors' Department**  
1 Avenue A (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Turners Falls, MA

**July 25, 2016**

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, July 25, 2016.

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

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

Paul Emery made a motion, which was seconded by Terry Miner and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of the previous regular session as printed.

**VOTES AND/OR SIGNATURES REQUIRED:**

Time Sheets for Ms. Tonelli for the period ending 7/16/2016 and 7/23/2016 were signed by Mr. Emery;

The Assessors reviewed and signed a letter addressed to the DOR listing the FY2017 assessments for the public utility companies located in town.

The Assessors signed the Warrant for Motor Vehicle Excise & Trailer commitment #4 for 2016 which totaled \$30,747.85.

A discussion took place regarding bee hives which were the subject of a Chapter 61A application. Because there is no specific use code in the FVAC tables for FY2017 it was decided to use the same values that are set for cropland.

A discussion also took place concerning a 5.5 acre parcel of land located next to 59 Center Street, Montague. The property is currently on the market and the realtor provided information indicating that although the parcel did pass a perc test, it was very wet and would be difficult and expensive to build on. The realtor felt the value should be reduced as a result of these issues. After looking at the asking price, the board decided to hold off on making any adjustments at this time and noted that the valuation issue may be revisited in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_