

MINUTES
TOWN OF MONTAGUE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor) Turners Falls, MA
October 17, 2016

A meeting of the Montague Board of Assessors was held on Monday, October 17, 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. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting as printed.

VOTES AND/OR SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Time sheet for Ms. Tonelli for period ending 10/8/16 was signed by Mr. Emery;

The Board members discussed the FY2016 abatement application dated September 20, 2016. It was noted that the application was mailed and received beyond the filing date therefore it was voted to deny the application as it untimely filed. The Board signed a denial notice.

The Board members reviewed and signed recommitments for Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes for 2012 totaling \$279.48; 2013 totaling \$153.23 and 2014 totaling \$425.62.

Karen updated the board members on the status of the FY2017 recertification. Ryan Johnson has received all the necessary documents and will put forth the data for preliminary review approval. Karen suggested that we hold a public impact period for one week so that we can be back on schedule for setting the tax rate in the beginning of November. Upon a motion made and seconded, the board voted to hold a week long public impact period.

A discussion took place regarding the change of acreage that had been previously made on parcels owned by Mountain Research LLC (42-0-19) and Richard and Sara Deane (42-0-21). Wendy and Mark Beaubien (principals of Mountain Research LLC - owner of 42-0-19) recently questioned why the change was made and have requested that the acreage amount be changed back to the pre-2015 figures. An unrecorded survey of the parcel prepared for Allen Ross dated 1993 was reviewed. This survey indicates the Beaubien/Mountain Research lot area to be 4.9 acres +. It also shows the Deane parcel but contains no acreage amount. The Assessors also reviewed minutes from their meeting of August 25, 2014. The southern boundary of the Deane parcel was extended to include to

the river which resulted in additional acreage. Current and 2008 Assessors Maps for the parcels were reviewed as well as a survey done for Anna Garbiel dated June, 2002. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board decided to change the acreage for the Beaubien/Mountain Research parcel to 4.9 for FY2017 as set forth on the unrecorded survey that was provided recently to the Assessors by Mr. Beaubien .

With respect to the Deane parcel, additional research on the boundary lines will be conducted to best determine the size of the lot. Karen will contact the Deanes and will search the Registry records to determine if a survey of that parcel exists. The board will revisit this issue at a later date.

Upon a motion made by the Chairman and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:_____

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

List of Documents – October 3, 2016 meeting

Time Sheet

FY 16 Olive Street Development Abatement Application and Denial Notice

2012 – 2014 Motor Vehicle Excise Recommitments

1993 Rose Survey of land owned by Allen Ross

Montague Assessors Minutes dated August 25, 2014

Deeds for R. Deane property (Bk5014/253 and Bk 1523/47)

Survey prepared for Anna Garbiel dated June 26, 2002