

## Town of Montague Board of Assessors

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2014

Time: 3:30 PM

Place: Town Hall, 1 Ave A, Turners Falls  
Second Floor, Assessors' Office

### Agenda

- Approve Minutes of 12/16/2013, Tax Classification Hearing 12/18/2013 continued to 12/23/2013 and 01/13/2014, Votes may be taken

#### SIGNATURES REQUIRED

- Time sheets for Ms. Miller, weeks ending 01/18/2014, 01/25/2014 and 2/1/2014
  - Warrant to Collector Revised Assessment Vote may be taken
    - Town - \$80.06
    - MCFD - \$6.56
  - Warrant to Collector Omitted Real Estate Property TFFD - \$1,054.52, Vote may be taken
  - Warrant to Collector Omitted Business/Personal Property TFFD - \$8.90, Vote may be taken
  - Real Estate and Personal Property Monthly List of Abatements and Exemptions
    - **Rescind votes of 01/13/2014**
      - Town Personal Exemptions Total Off Bills - \$50,014.41
      - Town RE abated Parcel owned by town - \$1,707.53
      - Town PP Low Value Billed in Error - \$79.77
      - TFFD Personal Exemptions Total Off Bills - \$684.40
      - TFFD RE abated Parcel owned by town - \$303.05
      - TFFD PP Low Value Billed in Error - \$9.34
  - Revised Real Estate and Personal Property Monthly List of Abatements and Exemptions
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  - Motor vehicle and Trailer Excise Warrants to Collector
    - 2014 Commitment #1 - \$542,871.25
    - 2013 Commitment #7 - \$2,937.99
  - Signoff sheet indicating receipt of Open Meeting Law Guidelines, Ms. Miner and Mr. Emery
  - Motion to be made by Ms. Betty Waidlich, to convene in Executive Session under Purpose 7 “to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general law,” to comply with Chapter 59 Section 60 to discuss Personal Exemptions and Real Estate Abatements Second by \_\_\_\_\_.
- The board will return to open session.

#### UPDATES TO BOARD

- Discuss NEFF vs. Hawley Assessors
- Request for Ms. Miller to attend REALTOR Assoc. of Pioneer Valley meeting to discuss the practice of going to smoke detector inspections with the fire department. They are concerned the practice puts the realtor in an awkward situation as the only person to all access to the home should be the owner. Ms. Miller will take the opportunity to explain that the fire department notifies the realtor that the assessors office will be at the inspection in order that the realtor has the opportunity to inform the owner of the assessors presence. This is an excellent opportunity for Ms. Miller to explain to a large group the necessity of these inspections at the time of sale.
- Topics not anticipated covered in the 48 hour posting requirements