

Minutes
Town of Montague Assessors' Department
1 Avenue A (2nd Floor), Turners Falls, MA
Monday, April 2, 2012

Members Present: Paul Emery, Teresa Miner, Betty Waidlich
Staff Present: Barbara Miller, Director of Assessing
Meeting convened 3:30 p.m.

- Approved Minutes of Monday, March 19, 2012
Motion to approve made by Ms. Miner, second by Ms. Waidlich, vote unanimous

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

- Time sheet for Ms. Miller, week ending 03/24/2012, signed by Mr. Emery
- Personal Exemption applications approved and signed. Board will vote the exemptions in their entirety when the monthly list is complete
- **Parcel Id 18-0-05, 98 West Mineral Road** – Motion made by Ms. Miner to deny. Second by Mr. Emery, vote two approved. Ms. Waidlich abstained.
- **Parcel Id 29-0-031, 12 Franklin Street**– Motion made by Ms. Waidlich to abate \$61,000 from the original value of \$223,500 making the adjusted value \$162,500. Second by Ms. Miner, vote unanimous.
- **Parcels 53-0-021, 076 and 007, East Chestnut Hill,** Ms. Miner made a motion to rescind the vote taken November 14, 2011 approving a Chapter Land Application received September 28, 2011 based on a note received from the taxpayer. Second by Ms. Waidlich, vote unanimous. The land had not yet received any reduction in value as FY2013 was to have been the first year of classification.

UPDATES TO BOARD

- Ms. Miller updated the board as to her conversations with Attorney Hutchinson regarding the options available to address the TF Hydro Appellate Tax Board case.
- Ms. Waidlich asked questions regarding Chapter Land assessments being taxed at the commercial rate rather than the residential rate. She will research Chapter 394 of the Acts of 2007 and consideration will be given submitting a warrant article on a future town meeting warrant. The deadline has passed for the upcoming town meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miller
Director of Assessing

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