

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

October 12,2016

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

**Chairman James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Assessor
William Taylor, Department Coordinator, Tracey Tardy**

1 The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, was called
2 to order by Assessor McElreath at 4:12 p.m. Second: Chairman Earl, Unanimous vote of
3 the Board with Assessor Taylor

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5 Attendees: Chairman James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath Assessor Bill Taylor and
6 Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy.

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8 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from August
9 31, 2016 & September 14,2016. Second: Chairman Earl, unanimous vote of the Board
10 with Assessor Taylor

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12 The Board approved vouchers

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14 Motor vehicle abatements and certificates approved

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16 Wetlands discussion and Mr. Crosby's question regarding valuation near the railroad
17 and wanting more of a discount was tabled.

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19 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept all chapter land applications with the
20 review of Kelly's farm after certification and a hold on Nydam for additional paperwork.
21 Second Chairman Earl, unanimous vote of the Board by Assessor Taylor.

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23 Assessor McElreath spoke with James Brochu, facilities manager for Blackstone Valley
24 Tech. regarding the solar panels on the roof of the school. Per Mr. Brochu the panels
25 are owned by the school, therefore they are not taxable. Solar panels on municipal
26 buildings can be taxed if leased.

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28 4:30 Representatives from the Narragansett Indian Tribe Doug Harris, Kathy Taylor and
29 Rachel Wetzel, came in to discuss the findings of the property they have acquired on
30 Glenview St. and gave a summary of the report to the Board regarding if the property
31 falls in the proper guidelines to be exempt. The report states that there are ceremonial
32 stones scattered among both parcels.

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34 Once the representatives left a vote was take regarding if the parcels fall under the
35 guidelines to become exempt. Assessor McElreath made a motion to have the parcels
36 made exempt as proper documentation was received to prove the parcels do fall under
37 the charitable purpose guidelines. Second: Assessor Taylor and unanimous by
38 Chairman Earl.

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40 A letter will be sent to the Narragansett Indian Tribe with the outcome of the vote and
41 the next steps that need to be taken for the property to be placed in the exempt status.

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43 Certification for our values should be received within the next couple days along with
44 the new growth approval.

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46 A request was made by Assessor McElreath to have Dan Lane from Northeast
47 Revaluation attend a meeting in January to discuss land values and suggestions of how
48 rear acres are valued.

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50 Chairman Earl will conduct a site visit to 11 Fiske Ave during the week per the owner's
51 request.

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53 A tentative meeting for the tax rate hearing is scheduled with the Board of Selectmen for
54 November 29th. The date may be changed to the 22nd if needed.

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56 Sales reports from the Warren Group were reviewed.

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58 The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2016 @ 4:00

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60 Meeting adjourned @ 5:15 p.m.

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62 Respectfully Submitted,

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65 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator
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