

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

February 10, 2016

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

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

1 The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, was called to order by
2 Chairman Earl @ 4:15 p.m. Second: Assessor McElreath, majority vote by the Board.

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4 Attendees: Assessor James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath and Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy

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6 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from January 27, 2015. Second:
7 Chairman Earl, majority vote by the Board.

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9 A discussion took place regarding the farm owned by Maureen Dwinell. She feels that she should not
10 have to pay personal property for the farm equipment as it is a hobby farm. According to state law it
11 doesn't make a difference, if you own the equipment and it is not registered whether you have a farm or
12 not it is taxable under personal property. Assessor McElreath with contact Mrs. Dwinell and speak with
13 her about it.

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15 Information that was collected for charitable organizations was reviewed along with the request for the
16 Narragansett Indians to become tax exempt. A meeting will be scheduled with the tribe members in late
17 March.

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19 Work plan for the certification was tabled until next meeting

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21 Conversation about above ground pools and Income and expense forms having a fee for noncompliance
22 was table until next meeting.

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24 An executive session for review all abatement applications for real estate will be posted for February 17,
25 2016.

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27 The new lien for the Trask property was signed changing the land from chapter 61A to 61B.

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29 4:30 The Board met with Pamela Campbell and Mr. Poirier regarding the value of their land on South St.
30 The property has been moved from industrial to land as the business was closed which brought the value
31 down a little. It was put in with 1 prime site and the remainder rear acres. Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Poirier
32 would like a discount on the land because of the easement for the flood zone and areas are tagged. The
33 Board presented them with the guidelines for wetland and what would need to be done in order to receive
34 a discount on the land under that category. The Board also informed the land owners that they could
35 place the land in chapter 61B and explained what it was and how it worked. The Coordinator will mail
36 out the forms to Mrs. Campbell and let her know what the value would change to if they choose to place
37 the land in chapter.

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39 The meeting was adjourned @ 5:00 p.m.

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41 Respectfully Submitted,

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44 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator