

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

July 27, 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 4:07 p.m. Second: Assessor Taylor, unanimous vote
3 by the Board with Chairman Earl

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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 by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from July 13, 2016.
9 Second: Chairman Earl, Unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor Taylor

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11 The Board approved vouchers

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13 Motor vehicle abatements and certificates approved

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15 Motion by Assessor McElreath to table the discussion regarding taxes on leased solar
16 panels until a future meeting. Second: Assessor Taylor and unanimous Chairman Earl

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18 Assessor McElreath relayed to the Board that the solar PILOT letter and back up was
19 complete and submitted to the Department or Revenue.

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21 Other topics not anticipated:

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23 4:27 p.m. Doug Harris and Cathy Taylor representing the Narragansett Tribal Historic
24 Preservation Trust attended the meeting to discuss what is being done to prove the land
25 purchase on Glenview St. should be exempt. They began to explain and discuss the
26 ceremonial stones and landscape and the history with the cell tower and FCC in regard
27 with the Pratt Hill/Warren St. property. Mr. Harris explained numerous tribes share
28 information in regards to the ceremonial stones and they asked an independent
29 company, JMA to conduct a GPS mapping of the ceremonial stones. The map is now
30 on file with the Federal Government marked as confidential.

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32 Mr. Harris informed the Board the numerous tribes are beginning to map the ceremonial
33 stones on the Glenview St property and he has already asked the National Historical
34 Foundation to review. Once this is complete (in about a month's time), Mr. Harris will
35 give the 'report' to the BOA to review to determine the tax-exempt status of the
36 Glenview property.

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38 Assessor Earl would like to find out how much of the land if not all of it is involved was
39 found to have the religious/cultural or spiritual monument on them before a vote would
40 be taken.

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42 Assessor McElreath made a motion to reinstate on all wet lands discounts until written
43 guideless are approved by the BOA as to the amount of discount once the requirements
44 have been satisfied. Second: Assessor Taylor, majority vote by the Board

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- 46 • Once determined wet what guidelines will be set as to percent off
- 47 • What impact does it have on the use of the land?
- 48 • Work on written policy

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51 The August meeting dates will be or Aug 17 and 31, 2016 due to vacations

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53 Meeting adjourned @ 5:24 p.m.

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55 Respectfully Submitted,

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58 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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