

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2021

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

Chairman William Taylor, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Assessor James Earl, Assistant Assessor, Tracey Tardy

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Upton will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. We will strive to provide access to such meetings via a link to call in, or other similar option. In the event we are unable to accommodate the same, despite best efforts, we will post recorded sessions of the meeting as soon as possible following the same.

The virtual meeting called to order by Assessor McElreath 4:32 p.m. Roll Call vote:

Assessor McElreath: Aye, Chairman Taylor: Aye

Majority vote by the Board.

Attendees: Chairman Taylor, Assessor McElreath and Assistant Assessor Tracey Tardy

Motion made and second to approve the open session meeting minutes from January 20, 2021

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

Majority vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the executive session meeting minutes from January 20, 2021

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

Majority vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve 1 motor vehicle abatement application

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

Majority vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the January monthly list of motor vehicle abatements that were processed

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

Majority vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the list of real estate, personal property and exemption applications that were approved at the last executive session meeting.

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

Majority vote by the Board

Dave Edwards came to the meeting to discuss the valuation of the Central MA Beagle Club. Mr.

Edwards was looking to reduce the taxes of the land that is not under chapter 61. Mr. Edwards

40 explained that the front parcel was valued to high and the organizations membership was down
41 and they were having a difficult time with taxes.

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43 Assessor McElreath explained that the Assessors can't change the value of that land as it is
44 valued correctly according to state law. Chairman Taylor mentioned that the club should
45 consider working with Metacomet and have the property placed under a conservation
46 restriction. The Assistant suggested going to the Forester who was putting together the forestry
47 plan and see if they could include that piece of property in the plan.

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49 Discussion to place regarding the abatement applications and with covid-19 how to best
50 preform the site visits. It will be discussed on a case-by-case basis and data found on line and
51 in MLS data bases will be used to help cut down the number of homes to be visited.

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53 The next meeting will be scheduled for February 17, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

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55 Motion made and second to adjourn meeting @ 4:48 p.m. to enter into executive session

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57 Open meeting session adjourned at 4:48 p.m. to enter into executive session.

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59 At 4:48 p.m. A roll-call motion made by Assessor McElreath to enter into Executive Session under
60 M.G.L. Chapter 30A section 21, Exception #7: to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general
61 law citing G.L. c. 59, s 60 as the stature requiring confidentiality for the purpose of reviewing real
62 estate exemption, abatement applications and chapter land applications.

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64 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye.

65 Motion approved and the board entered into executive session. The Board will close the executive
66 session and not return to an open meeting once business is complete.

67 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye

68 Majority vote by the Board.

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74 Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor