

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

August 11, 2021

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

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

The hybrid meeting called to order by Assessor McElreath 4:01p.m. Roll Call vote:

Chairman Taylor: Aye, Assessor McElreath: Aye, Assessor Earl: aye

Unanimous vote by the Board.

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

Motion made and second to accept the open session meeting minutes from June 14, 2021

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

unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the monthly list for July motor vehicle abatements that were approved during the month of July. Total abated amount for 2019 levy is \$33.44, 2020 levy \$277.73 and for levy 2021 \$2,727.09

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

Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve 23 and deny 1 motor vehicle abatements.

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

Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the exemption status application for Metacomet.

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

Unanimous vote by the Board

The Board motioned to accept the 2st 2021 commitment for supplemental tax bills in the amount of \$10,628.09 for real estate and \$252.63 CPA for a total of \$10,880.72.

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

Unanimous vote by the Board

The Board motioned to accept a motor vehicle commitment in the amount of \$67,188.00

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

Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the Ferguson veteran's exemption. An additional abatement was due because the original was not entered for the full amount that should have been received.

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

40 Unanimous vote by the Board

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42 Motion made and second to approve an abatement for Fy2020 in the amount of \$719.18 and
43 FY2021 in the amount of \$ 463.22 for the Crosswinds property map 202-004 that now belongs
44 to the Town of Upton. When the property was turned over to the town no check was done with
45 the Collector's Office to see if back taxes were due to the town.

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

47 Unanimous vote by the Board

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49 Motion made to add to the agenda the review of the RFP needed for the next 5 years for
50 interim valuations and the certification years.

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

52 Unanimous vote by the Board

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54 A discussion took place as to if the contract should be for the 5 years or a 2-year then a 3-year
55 contract for valuation because everything seems to be changing in the appraisal word and it
56 might change the way data is collected or be required to be collected per state law for the
57 future. The Board voted to keep the contract a 5-year contract and put something in the
58 contract that would allow for the contract to be broken if the laws change. Chairman Taylor
59 also wanted to add a clause regarding the railroad data to be collected.

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61 Motion made to add to the agenda the review and vote of the Upton Solar Group valuation
62 increase. The Board voted to increase the value 5% to make sure the value will cover the
63 amount due for the pilot payment.

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

65 Unanimous vote by the Board

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67 Motion made to add to the agenda the review of the Home Rule Petition to help give seniors tax
68 relief. Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye

69 Unanimous vote by the Board

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71 The Board reviewed a new program that other towns are requesting permission from the state
72 to help senior with some tax relief. It is called the Home Rule Petition Senior Tax relief. The
73 Board would like to set up a meeting to present to the BOS for an article on the special town
74 meeting warrant.

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76 The next meeting will be scheduled for August 25, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M.

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78 The meeting was adjourned @ 5:07 P.M.

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80 Respectfully Submitted,

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82 Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor

