

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

March 17, 2021

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

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

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

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9 The virtual meeting called to order by Assessor McElreath 4:03p.m. Roll Call vote:
10 Assessor McElreath: Aye, Chairman Taylor: Aye
11 Majority vote by the Board.

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

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15 Motion made and second to approve the open session meeting minutes from March 3,2021
16 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
17 Majority vote by the Board

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19 Motion made and second to approve the executive session meeting minutes from March 3,2021
20 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
21 Majority vote by the Board

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24 Motion made and second to approve the list of real estate, personal property and exemption
25 applications that were approved at the last executive session meeting. Total abatement and
26 CPA amount \$2,203.44

27 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
28 Majority vote by the Board

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30 Motion made and second to approve 36 motor vehicle abatements
31 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
32 Majority vote by the Board

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34 Under other topics:

35 Discussion took place regarding the programs that the Board and other departments watched a
36 demo on from Eagleview, Nearmap and Mainst GIS for measuring and checking the land without
37 having to leave the office for a site visit. The Board decided to move forward for 1 year with
38 Nearmap as they offered 2 flyovers a year and as many subscribers as we wanted for the same
39 price. Nearmap had a lot more to offer and for a lower price than Eagleview. Mainst GIS uses

40 the state data which is old and not as accurate as Nearmap. Mainst GIS measured within 12
41 inches and Neamap is 6". For the 1st year we will see how much it is utilized by the Assessors
42 office and all other departments to see if it is worth the cost of keeping it and splitting the cost
43 with all departments. For the 1st year it will be covered by the cares act.

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45 The next meeting will be scheduled for April 7, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

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47 Motion made and second to adjourn meeting @ 4:08 p.m. to enter into executive session

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49 Open meeting session adjourned at 4:08 p.m. to enter into executive session.

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51 At 4:08 p.m. A roll-call motion made by Assessor McElreath to enter into Executive Session under
52 M.G.L. Chapter 30A section 21, Exception #7: to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general
53 law citing G.L. c. 59, s 60 as the stature requiring confidentiality for the purpose of reviewing real
54 estate exemption, abatement applications and chapter land applications.

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

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

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

62 Majority vote by the Board.

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66 Respectfully Submitted,

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68 Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor