

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

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 4:03p.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 March 3, 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 March 3, 2021

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. Total abatement and CPA amount \$2,203.44

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

Majority vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve 36 motor vehicle abatements

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

Majority vote by the Board

Under other topics:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor