

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

August 19, 2020

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 4:02 p.m. Roll Call vote: Assessor
10 McElreath: Aye, Chairman Taylor: Aye Majority vote by the Board. (Assessor Earl unable to
11 attend)

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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 June 30, 2020
16 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
17 Majority vote of the Board

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19 Motion made and second to approve payroll vouchers for Assistant Assessor
20 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
21 Majority vote of the Board

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23 Motion made and second to approve 9 motor vehicle abatements and certificates
24 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
25 Majority vote of the Board

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27 The Board reviewed the Upton Solar increase in value for the solar Pilot tax payment to get as
28 close to the amount due. For fiscal year 2021 the payment is schedule to be \$ 34489.
29 Motion made and second to approve the value increase by 5%.
30 Roll Call vote: chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
31 Majority vote of the Board

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33 The Board reviewed the sales reports by building style and neighborhood. There will be an
34 increase in land values and building values as the sale from 2019 came in much higher than
35 what the current assessments are at. By state law the values must fall between 90 and 110% of
36 what the values are at. Chairman Taylor would like more time to review the data. A meeting
37 will be scheduled for Monday August 24th to vote on this information.

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39 Discussion took place regarding the last of the supplemental bills that will be issued for fiscal
40 year 2020. There are 7 more bills to be processed. The Board will vote on the commitment of
41 those bills at the meeting on Monday.

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43 Open meeting session adjourned at 4:24 p.m. to enter into executive session.
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45 At 4:24 p.m. A roll-call motion made by Chairman Taylor to enter into Executive Session under
46 M.G.L. Chapter 30A section 21, Exception #7: to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general
47 law citing G.L. c. 59, s 60 as the stature requiring confidentiality for the purpose of reviewing real estate
48 exemption, abatement applications and chapter land applications.
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50 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye Motion approved and the board entered
51 into executive session. The Board will close the executive session and not return to an open meeting
52 once business is complete. Majority vote of the Board.
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54 The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday August 24, 2020
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56 Respectfully Submitted,
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58 Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor