

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

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

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

Motion made and second to approve the open session meeting minutes from June 30, 2020
Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye
Majority vote of the Board

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

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

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

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

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

Open meeting session adjourned at 4:24 p.m. to enter into executive session.

At 4:24 p.m. A roll-call motion made by Chairman Taylor 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 statute 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. Majority vote of the Board.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday August 24, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor