

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 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 4:01 p.m. Roll Call vote: Assessor McElreath: Aye, Chairman Taylor: 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 approve the open session meeting minutes from October 21, 2020 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye. Assessor Earl, aye Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve 5 motor vehicle abatements and certificates Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion made and second to approve the senior and veterans work off program for fiscal year 2022 not to exceed \$25,000. The hourly rate starting January 1<sup>st</sup> is \$13.50 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye Unanimous vote by the Board

RECAP review tabled until the next meeting as it has not been finished yet.

Motion made and second to recommend a single tax rate for the town of Upton and not a split rate. The town does not have enough commercial, industrial and personal property to warrant a split rate.

Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye Unanimous vote by the Board

Discussion took place regarding the overlay account for fiscal year 2021. The overlay will be increased from \$150K to \$173K as the utility companies may file regarding the increase in the values, as the state required the towns to

The next meetings will be scheduled for November 17, 2020

41 The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. to enter into executive session.

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43 Open meeting session adjourned at 4:14 p.m. to enter into executive session.

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45 At 4:14 p.m. A roll-call motion made by Assessor McElreath 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 statute 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, Assessor Earl: aye. Motion approved  
51 and the board entered into executive session. The Board will close the executive session and not return  
52 to an open meeting once business is complete.

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

54 Unanimous vote by the Board.

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56 Respectfully Submitted,

57 Tracey Tardy, Assistant Assessor