

**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

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 4:01 p.m. Roll Call vote: Assessor
10 McElreath: Aye, Chairman Taylor: Aye Assessor Earl: Aye Unanimous vote by the Board.

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

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15 Motion made and second to approve the open session meeting minutes from October 21, 2020
16 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye. Assessor Earl, aye
17 Unanimous vote by the Board

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

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23 Motion made and second to approve the senior and veterans work off program for fiscal year
24 2022 not to exceed \$25,000. The hourly rate starting January 1st is \$13.50
25 Roll Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye
26 Unanimous vote by the Board

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

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

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

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

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40 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 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, 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