

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

November 8, 2017

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

**Chairman James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Assessor
William Taylor, Department Coordinator, Tracey Tardy**

1 The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, called to
2 order by Assessor McElreath at 4:09 p.m. Second: Chairman Taylor, majority vote by
3 the Board

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5 Attendees: Chairman Bill Taylor, Assessor McElreath, Assessor Earl, Department
6 Coordinator Tracey Tardy

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8 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from 10/25/17.
9 Second Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote of the Board with Assessor Earl

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11 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to approved Motor vehicle abatement application
12 and certificates. Second: Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote of the Board with Assessor
13 Earl

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15 Motion to approve Vouchers, unanimous vote of the Board

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17 The Board reviewed the October deeds

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19 CHR Realty (Dicarlo) land located at Christian Hill Rd that is under chapter 61A has
20 sent notice that they wish to convert their land from chapter 61A then sell the parcels.
21 The Town Manger is working with them and will let the Assessor's office know when the
22 roll back taxes should be done.

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24 Discussion regarding the land curve took place. Chairman Taylor has been working on
25 different scenarios as to if the curve was reduced or removed and how it will affect the
26 values. The Chairman has requested the Department Coordinator get a report showing
27 the last 5 years land sales. He will review the data and report the findings at the
28 December meeting.

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30 The Board read through the document received from the ATB with the findings of the
31 Cooper vs town of Upton. The findings were for the town of Upton.

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33 Discussion took place regarding moving the December 13th meeting to December 7th so
34 the whole board could attend the meeting. The meeting will be moved.

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36 The Board continued a discussion regarding the maps and GIS data layers. There are
37 many problems with the tax maps and the Board is looking for ways to correct the
38 issues. Assessor McElreath and the Department Coordinator will begin looking for a
39 senior work off person or possibly student needing volunteer hours to start reviewing
40 some of the map/deed issues and see if some of the problems are get settled before
41 moving forward with the data layering.

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43 Chairman Taylor presented a worksheet to the Board to be used at the financial team
44 meeting showing the affects what happens to the tax rate when raising different
45 amounts of monies for town meeting articles. It will be presented as the financial team
46 meeting.

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48 The Senior Work Off time sheets have been submitted for abatement and to be
49 processed. The total abatement amount is \$11,542.50. This year the number of hours
50 and participants both increased so show the program is being utilized more. Assessor
51 McElreath made mention to be sure an article is placed on the Annual Town meeting
52 warrant for the \$20K to be placed in the overlay account to the program can continue.

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55 Meeting adjourned @ 4:49 p.m. unanimous vote of the Board

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61 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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