

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

February 14, 2018

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

**William Taylor Chairman, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Assessor
James Earl, 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 4:15 p.m. Second: Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote
3 by the Board with Assessor Earl

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

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8 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to accept the open session meeting minutes from
9 1/24/18. Second: Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor Earl

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11 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to accept the Executive session meeting minutes
12 from 1/24/18 with a correction to line 23 to fix grammar error of the word too. Second:
13 Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor Earl

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15 Motion to approve vouchers, unanimous vote by the Board

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17 Motion to approve motor vehicle abatement certificates, unanimous vote by the Board

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19 December deeds reviewed

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21 The Board discussed warrant articles that will need to be prepared for the annual town
22 meeting.

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24 The Board voted unanimously to sponsor the article regarding chapter 59 section 8A
25 taxation of farm animals. The article would cease assessing of all farm animals.

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27 Chairman Taylor will prepare the article information to have the town vote to exempt
28 farm animals from excise tax.

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30 The Board voted unanimously to continue the senior work off program, Assessor
31 McElreath will prepare the article.

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33 Unanimous vote of the Board to have a warrant article for the final phase of the
34 measure and list program for \$21800.

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36 A discussion took place regarding changing the interest rate for senior deferral
37 applicants. It is currently 8% and the Board can put in an article to lower that amount.
38 The Board would like to review this further and is putting a hold on the article until next
39 year. Unanimous vote of the Board to hold the article until next year to until further
40 research can be done.

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42 A discussion took place regarding the different clauses for senior exemption to see if the
43 board will vote to have an article placed on the warrant to accept either chapter 59
44 section 41C ½ would change the income amount to match the circuit breaker income
45 limits or 41D would increase the income limits yearly to whatever the cola increase but
46 not over 4%. Chairman Taylor will be sending information to the Board members to
47 review before a vote is take.

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49 The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

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51 Meeting adjourned @ 4:31 p.m. to enter into executive session. The Board will not
52 reopen the meeting after executive session. Unanimous vote by the Board

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55 Respectfully Submitted,

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58 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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