

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

March 9, 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 11:00 a.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 2/14/18. 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 2/14/18. Second: Chairman Taylor, unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor
13 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 applications and certificates, unanimous
18 vote by the Board

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20 January and February deeds reviewed

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22 Warren Group sales report for Jan was reviewed

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

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27 The Board discussed sponsoring an article regarding chapter 59 section 8A taxation of
28 farm animals, machinery & equipment. The article would cease assessing of all farm
29 animals. A hold was put on the farm excise tax article until next meeting so further
30 research could be done

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32 The Board voted unanimously to have a warrant article to accept chapter 59 section 5
33 clauses 17E which allows the town to index the other 17 clauses.

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35 The Board voted unanimously to have a warrant article to accept chapter 59 section 5
36 clause 41D which would increase the senior exemption income and assets by the cola
37 rate yearly.

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39 Metacomet exemption vote was put on hold until more information could be obtained
40 regarding the start date.

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42 Mr. Lam requested an extension for his form of list until August 1st. the Board voted
43 unanimously to grant the extension.

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45 An abutters list for Kiwanis Beach Road was approved.

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47 Request was made to have a meeting with Dan and Rich from Northeast Revaluation
48 regarding the method of valuation they are using if it is not Marshall and Swift any
49 longer.

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51 Chairman Taylor spoke to the Board regarding an email he was going to send the
52 lawyers regarding Stone Arbor Farm and questions they had regarding how often and
53 when the properties for personal property are visited. He informed the Board that we in
54 the past visited the properties every 3 years as required by the state to receive
55 certification. Going forward the law has changed and it will be every 5 years. On the
56 interim years the values are done using the form of list.

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58 The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

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60 Meeting adjourned @ 11:35 a.m. to enter into executive session. The Board will not
61 reopen the meeting after executive session. Unanimous vote by the Board

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64 Respectfully Submitted,

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67 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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