

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

March 23, 2016

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

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

1 The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, was called to order by
2 Chairman Earl @ 4:08 p.m. Second: Assessor McElreath, majority vote by the Board.

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4 Attendees: Assessor James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy visitor
5 Bill Taylor

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7 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from March 9, 2016. Second:
8 Chairman Earl, majority vote by the Board.

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10 Two abutter's list were certified 0 Orchard St and 23 Francis Dr 25 Brooks St

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12 February permits were reviewed

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14 Motor vehicle abatement applications and certificated were approved

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16 Approved vouchers

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18 The Board met with the Narragansett Indian Tribe. The following people attended the meeting George
19 Dresser, Kathy Taylor, Doug Harris and Becky Wetzel. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss 2
20 parcels of land located in Upton on map 015-154 & 015-152 owned by the Tribe in a trust. The
21 Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Trust has received exempt status from the state and they
22 would like the land to be exempt from real estate taxes. The land has approximately 150 ancient tribal
23 ceremonial stone structures that they are trying to preserve. They have received mappings of the stone
24 and found they are in direct relation with the chamber on Elm St. Currently no ceremonies are taking
25 place on the land but they have groups of people that do tours and check on the property numerous times
26 during the year. The Tribe is working on getting the site put on the national register. They are trying to
27 preserve the stone structures not just the land. They cited the case of New England Forestry Foundation
28 Inc. vs Board of Assessors of Hawley to state the reasons to become exempt. The Board has taken all
29 this into consideration and will vote on the exempt status at a future meeting once they have reviewed all
30 the documents presented to them.

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32 The Board reviewed the contract from CAI technologies for the mapping work for the next fiscal year.
33 The contract will be given to The Town Manager for approval signatures and returned to the Assessor's
34 office to be sent out.

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36 The Department of Revenue is offering a program for towns to work on a pilot system called CCR. A
37 discussion took place as to if Upton should take part in the program Chairman Earl feels it will be a great
38 opportunity for us to take part in the program and would like the Department Coordinator to check with
39 Northeast Revaluation to see what their thoughts as piloting the program. A decision will be made
40 before the June 1 deadline to sign up.

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42 Meeting was adjourned @ 5:48 p.m.

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44 Respectfully Submitted,

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46 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator