

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

July 13, 2016

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, was called to order by
2 Assessor McElreath at 4:05 p.m. Second: Assessor Taylor, unanimous vote by the Board with Chairman
3 Earl

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

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8 Motion was made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from June 22, 2016. Second:
9 Chairman Earl, Unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor Taylor

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11 The Board approved vouchers

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13 Deeds and permits where reviewed

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15 Motor vehicle abatements and certificates were approved

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17 A discussion took place regarding the wet land. A new letter was received from the Conservation
18 Department with a new set of guidelines that are set more for people that may not be developing their
19 land. All parcels owners that have discounts that did not contact either the Conservation Department or
20 the Assessor's office will have the discount removed before the next bills go out. All parcels owners that
21 were receiving the discount and did contact one of the offices will be reviewed and a second letter will be
22 sent to them with the new guidelines.

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24 Request was made to have a report prepared for the next meeting showing a list of wet lands owners, the
25 percent they are receiving with the current and previous values to help the Board through the next phase
26 for the wet land discounts.

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28 The Pilot information for the solar field is being worked on by Assessor McElreath and the Department
29 Coordinator. They are in the process of collecting the data needed for the State and will be submitting the
30 package in the next couple weeks.

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32 A conversation took place regarding the tax exempt status for the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic
33 Preservation Trust. The Tribe received the land as a donation and has requested to have the property
34 exempt, the application was filed. The Land is known as map 26 lots 8 & 10 located at 0 Glenview St.

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36 The Board discussed what they felt should be supplied to prove the exempt status and Assessor
37 McElreath will write a letter asking for information regarding what is on the land that would make it
38 exempt. I. E. Ceremonial stones and significance, a report from Public Archaeology Laboratory stating
39 the historical significance of the parcels and any other pertinent information that would help the Board
40 come to a decision as to if the parcel should be exempt or not.

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42 Assessor Taylor has requested to have the Department Coordinator check with Northeast Revaluation to
43 see if we can charge personal property on the pellet plant equipment for the rail road. The Coordinator
44 will contact Dan Lane and see what can be done.

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46 Coordinator requested that the Board review the senior exemption to see what could be done about
47 increasing the asset limit. Assessor McElreath requested the Coordinator find the Mass. General Law that
48 pertains to the exemption and she will see if anything can be done to increase the limits at the next town
49 meeting.

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51 Next meeting will be scheduled for July 27th, 2016

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53 Meeting was adjourned @ 5:05 p.m.

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55 Respectfully Submitted,

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58 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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