

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

August 16, 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 4:02 p.m. Second: Chairman Taylor, unanimous
3 Assessor Earl

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

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8 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to accept the meeting minutes from 726/17.
9 Second Chairman Taylor, unanimous Assessor Earl

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11 Review of the deeds from July

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13 Review of the Warren Group sales report. It looks as though the values are between 10-
14 50% high than what our values where for FY2017.

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16 Motion made by Assessor McElreath to approved Motor vehicle abatement application
17 and certificates. Second: Assessor Earl, unanimous Chairman Taylor

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19 Motion to approve Vouchers, unanimous vote by Board

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21 The GIS data /map project is being tabled until a future meeting.

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23 Wet land project and the easement policy are tabled until a future meeting.

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25 Discussion took place regarding the solar farm on Walker Dr. a request was made by
26 Assessor Earl to send a letter requesting an I & E to be filled out or the proforma
27 agreement for electricity. Also, the info will be sent to the Town Manager to see if he
28 can contact the company for a pilot agreement.

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30 The Owner unknown parcels are being worked on to get the proper owners on the
31 parcels and get them rebilled. Then contacting the state for the parcels that are actually
32 owner unknown. This is an ongoing project.

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34 Chairman Taylor found an IGR for farm excise tax. Motion was made by Chairman
35 Taylor to opt out of the excise tax for farm animals and machinery. Unanimous vote by
36 the Board. This will be put before the Selectmen to vote on to have it appear on the
37 ballot next town election.

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39 Map 021-084 was foreclosed on it was found when the deed was received in the office
40 that the field card and map are incorrect. The Board agreed that the information should
41 be updated in the system and the info will be sent to the mapping company for

42 correction. The Dept. Coordinator has contacted the realtor and sent the corrected info
43 to her to make the correction in the listing.

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45 Steve Thayer of 25 Rockwood Lane a visitor at the meeting has many questions about
46 the value of his home and how it was derived. The Board explained that by law we use
47 mass appraisal and cannot look at the properties as individual pieces. The analysis is
48 first figured on sales and similar property types. It was explained that we are still the
49 analysis process for fiscal 2018 and he should contact the office in Oct.- Nov. time
50 frame to check the value. Mr. Thayer will then make an appointment with Chairman
51 Taylor to review how the cards are calculated.

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54 Meeting adjourned @ 5:30 p.m.

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57 Respectfully Submitted,

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60 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator

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