BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2015 Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568 Chairman Glenn Fowler, Assessor Charles Marsden, Assessor Teresa Ambrosino, Department Coordinator, Tracey Tardy

1 The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, Ground floor conference room, was called to order 2 by Chairman Fowler @ 6:30 p.m.

- 4 Attendees: Chairman Glenn Fowler, Teresa Ambrosino and Tracey Tardy
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6 The meeting minutes from January 14, 2015 were approved with a correction to line 35 space 7 needed between the words "in order". Correction will be made and minutes submitted to the 8 Town Clerk.

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- 10 Mail was reviewed
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- 12 The Warren Group annual 2014 sales report was reviewed
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7:00 PM the Board met with Janice Cooper of 77 Prospect St to review the value of the home 14 and land. She feels the discount on the land should be higher because the gas line goes directly 15 through the middle of the property and was questioning the increase in value of her home. 16 Chairman Fowler explained that all lots with the gas line get the same 10% discount and that the 17 house values increased because of sales for that style home and the change in Marshall and Swift 18 values price per square foot. Mrs. Cooper feels that the back porch has the wrong square 19 20 footage. She was advised to file an abatement application and the Board will do a site visit as 21 soon as weather permits.

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7:20PM the Board met with Judith Hebb regarding a lot of land on 0 Glenview ST Map 026008.02. Mrs. Hebb feels that the land should have a discount because it is slopped and wet.
However it did perk as a buildable lot. The Board will need to do a site visit when weather
permits to see if any adjustment should be made. Lot has not sold and the price was dropped so
they feel it is valued to high.

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29 December permits were reviewed

31 3 abatement applications were approved, 1 exemption applications was approved and 3 32 abatement applications were denied.

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Assessor Ambrosino attempted to contact James Earl regarding questions he had on Loretta Cervassi's exemption being denied. He is the person handling her affairs. Mr. Earl was not available and his message box was full.

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Chairman Fowler discussed the action he plans to take regarding the budget at the Fin. Com. Most items on the BOA budget are contracted items, a new item will be added for certification education for any new Board members and continued education. Chairman Fowler will be requesting a raise for the Department Coordinator and to have the salaries remain the

- 42 same with a 1% increase for all Board members. Also the Board has asked the Coordinator to43 request an earlier meeting with Fin. Com. if possible.
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- 45 Plans from the Planning Board for 32 Plain St & Mendon St map 030-005 lot split were46 reviewed.
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- 48 The meeting was adjourned @ 8:13 p.m.
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- 53 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator