

**BOARD OF
ASSESSORS
MEETING
MINUTES**

December 1, 2015
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 @ 5:32 p.m.

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4 Attendees: Assessor James Earl, Assessor Kelly McElreath and Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy
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7 Vouchers were approved
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9 Motor vehicle abatement applications and certificates were approved.
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11 The Board discussed the recap and tax rate and prepared for the tax classification hearing. The Board was
12 going to recommend a single tax rate for all 4 classes of property as 94% of the parcels are residential and
13 the remaining 6% makes up commercial, industrial & personal property. A \$.60 decrease in residential
14 taxes would be approximately a \$10 increase for the other 3 classes of property.
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16 The Board discussed the owner unknown parcels and the large amount of outstanding uncollected taxes
17 that go along with them. CMRPC has agreed to plot the surrounding areas 1 to make sure the lost exists
18 and 2 to make sure we have the parcel the correct size. From that point we will contact a title person to
19 do the research and see if we can find the owners or get permission from the state for the parcels so they
20 can be taken into tax title. Once the first step is complete the Assessors will contact the Collector's Office
21 to see if there title person would agree to take on the project so we would not have to pay to have the
22 research done twice.
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24 The meeting was adjourned @ 5:52 p.m. to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting.
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26 Respectfully Submitted,
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29 Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator