

1 Board of Selectmen

2 **Town of Upton**



3 **Massachusetts**

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7 Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2010

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9 Location: 1 Main St –Town Hall

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11 *Present:* Chairman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth  
12 E. Picard, Town Manager, Blythe C. Robinson, Lauren Goldberg, Esq. from the  
13 Law Firm of Kopelman and Paige and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney.

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15 The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

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17 The Board reviewed the letter from the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
18 regarding the Open Space and Recreation Plan. In an email from Mike Penko, Chairman of the  
19 Open Space Committee, he stated that he met with the Planning Board and they agreed to review  
20 the OSRP and provide a comment letter in December. They also agreed to fund CMRPC to  
21 review the draft. All other comments will be addressed by December when the report is  
22 resubmitted to the DCS. The Board agreed to sign a letter of support to the Conservation  
23 Commission.

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25 In a discussion regarding the Sweetwilliam Farm project, Selectmen Fleming stated he is  
26 not in favor of signing the Land Project Agreement. Selectmen Picard may agree with Selectman  
27 Fleming, but feels the Open Space Committee should be able to go through the process and let  
28 the voters decide. This decision was tabled until the next Selectmen’s meeting.

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30 The Upton Chronicle, a Council on Aging monthly publication is sent to the Board  
31 monthly for insert to their packets. It was suggested that this newsletter be posted to the Town’s  
32 web site and emailed to the Town Manager who in turn will email it to the Selectmen. The Town  
33 Manager will have a conversation with the Council’s Director Jamie Gardner.

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35 Town Manager Blythe Robinson handed out a copy of an article entitled Budget Blues to  
36 the Board in which it says that Cities and towns across the State are diverting large sums of  
37 money to “rainy day” accounts even as they lay off employees and make deep cuts to schools  
38 and services, girding for what many believe will be a long period of austerity. The informative  
39 article was well received by the Board.

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41 Regarding the Board’s December meetings, Ms. Robinson noted that she spoke with  
42 Board of Assessor Chair Charlie Marsden with respect to scheduling a work shop meeting with  
43 the Selectmen along with the financial team and setting up a date for the Tax Classification

44 hearing. The Board was open to any Tuesday date that was convenient to the Assessors and the  
45 financial team. She will speak with Mr. Marsden to secure dates.

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47 Motion #1: At 6:25pm Selectman Fleming motioned to recess the meeting to attend the Special  
48 Town Meeting at Nipmuc Regional. Second: Selectman Picard, unanimous: Chairman Goodwin.

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50 Respectfully submitted,

51 *Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator*

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