

# BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2020

Town Hall 1 Main St., Upton, MA 01568

Chairman William Taylor, Assessor Kelly McElreath, Assessor James Earl, Department Coordinator, Tracey Tardy

The meeting, located at 1 Main St Upton MA, ground floor conference room, called to order by Assessor McElreath 4:12 p.m. Second: Chairman Taylor unanimous vote by the Board with Assessor Earl

Attendees: Chairman Taylor, Assessor McElreath, Assessor Earl & Department Coordinator Tracey Tardy

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes from February 12, 2020. Unanimous vote by the Board.

Motion to approve the executive meeting minutes from February 12, 2020. Unanimous vote by the Board.

Motion to approve motor vehicle certificates. Unanimous vote by the Board

Motion to approve vouchers. Unanimous vote by the Board.

Review of the Warren Group sales report for January and year end report for 2019. Sales are still holding not seeing much of a decline as of yet.

Cynthia Ramsey of 13 Grove St was in attendance to find out what is being done for the elderly with regards to real estate taxes rising. The Board went over what exemption are currently offered to Seniors. I.E. Elderly exemption which is approved according to income and assets & the Senior Work off program to work hours for the town at minimum wage to reduce your taxes. The Board also explained that the value of the home is a small piece in setting the tax rate. It is the budget and town meeting that increase or decrease the taxes. Fiscal 2021 71% of the budget is wages and salaries for the school and town employees and the town hall has mostly 1 employee per department. Mrs. Ramsey understood what she was being told and feels the town needs to stop purchasing new truck and land.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Open meeting session adjourned at 4:27 p.m. to enter into executive session.

At 4:27 p.m. A role-call motion made by Chairman Taylor to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 30A section 21, Exception #7: to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general law citing G.L. c. 59, s 60 as the statute requiring confidentiality for the purpose of reviewing real estate exemption, abatement applications and chapter land applications.

Role Call vote: Chairman Taylor: aye, Assessor McElreath: aye, Assessor Earl: aye, Motion approved and the board entered into executive session. The Board will close the executive session and not return to an open meeting once business is complete.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Tardy, Department Coordinator