

**MINUTES OF MEETING-----FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

*Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. in the Assessor's office at the Town Hall. Assessor Chairman Ken O'Brien, Assessor Kevin Rudden, Assessor Bruce Tycks and Principal Assessor Jean Berthold were present.*

*Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Bruce to approve the minutes of January 20, 2016. Unanimous vote.*

*The Board signs the end of month Motor Vehicle Abatement Reports.*

*The Board signs the end of month Real Estate Exemption Report.*

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*The Board signs the #2016-01, #2015-7 and #2015-8 Motor Vehicle Excise Warrants.*

*The Board discusses the FY2016 abatement applications.*

*Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Bruce to grant an abatement to the property located at 5 Carpenter Hill Road due to a technical error. Unanimous vote.*

*Chairman Ken O'Brien discusses the new abatements/exemptions he would like the Town voters to consider at the Annual Town Meeting. The Board discusses acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56. This pertains to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries. This abatement expires after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of the town. The Board discusses the qualifications and agrees on the following: The service member must be overseas a minimum of 90 days, there will be a 100% abatement, and the service member must be called to active duty under Title 10 of the U.S. code. Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Bruce to approve the qualifications as stated and request a warrant article be placed on the ATM for same. Unanimous vote.*

*The Board discusses an abatement under MGL Chapter 60A, Section 5 which would allow the Board to grant a 100% abatement of motor vehicle excise to a motor vehicle owned and registered by or leased by a resident who is in active and full-time military service as a member in the armed forces of the U.S. or the national guard, army or air, of any state, and has been deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the commonwealth for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of the exemption. Motion made by Bruce and seconded by Kevin to place an article on the ATM for this exemption. Unanimous vote.*

*Motion made by Kevin and Ken steps downs as Chairman to second to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM. Unanimous vote.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kevin Rudden  
Clerk*