



THE TOWN OF  
HUBBARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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Minutes of the Board of Assessors' Meeting held on **March 19, 2018** in the Assessors' Office located in the Library Basement

Meeting brought to order at **7:15 PM**

**Attending:** John K Prentiss (Chair), Albert Afonso (Member), William Homans (Member), Diane Peterson (RRG Assessor), and Genevieve Daniels (Assessor's Clerk)

**Documents Signed:**

- Statutory Exemptions
- Motor Vehicle Abatement Certificate Listing
- Real Estate Abatements;
  - Approved: 2018-03, 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-07, 2018-08, 2018-11
  - Denied: 2018-06

**Discussions:**

**2018 Real Estate Abatements** – The remaining Real Estate abatements have been discussed and there are only a few left that are up for discussion. The few that remain need more research done before a decision can be made.

**Form 3ABC** - The 3ABC forms that were up for discussion have been pushed to the next Assessors meeting.

**Town Meeting Proposed Warrant Article from the Assessors**

1.) To see if the Town will increase the income (gross receipts) threshold of \$20,000 to the allowed income limit for the "circuit breaker" state income tax credit for single non-head of household filers under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A. And to reduce the interest on deferred taxes from 8% to 5%.

\*The current circuit breaker amount is \$57,000 for 2018.

2.) To see if the Town will reduce the age of eligibility for qualification for exemption under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C Minimum Age requirement from any person aged 70 or older to 65 years or older, and to increase the qualifying Gross

Receipts Limit to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married and to increase the Whole Estate Limit to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married.

3.) To see if the Town will accept M.G.L Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 56 that the board of assessors may grant real and personal property tax abatements up to 100 percent of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the board of assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after two (2) years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of the town.

**William Homans made a motion to approve all 3 of the proposed warrant articles.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by John Prentiss**

Roll Call:

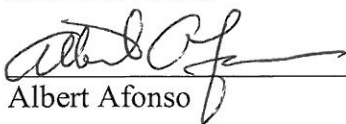
John Prentiss – Yes

Albert Afonso – Yes

William Homans - Yes

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 PM**

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John K. Prentiss

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Albert Afonso

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William Homans

**Approved**