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**Town of Monson
Board of Assessors
Monday March 7, 2016**

Members Present: Assessors Allan Curtis and Ronald Avery

Members Absent: Russell Bressette

Principal Assessor: Alyce D. Johns

Guest: Evan Brassard, Town Administrator

Open the Meeting: The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Allan Curtis at 11:00 am

Accept the Minutes: February 10, 2016

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed, voted and approved the following Motor Vehicle Abatements:

2016 23
2015 5
2014 9
2013 1

The board reviewed, voted and approved the following exemption applications:

Blind Exemption voted and approved 1 in the amount of \$500.00

The board reviewed, voted and approved 1 real estate abatements.

The board reviewed, voted and approved 11 3ABC charitable exemption applications.

Sent letter requesting more information from Purcell American Legion and letter of extension to Monson Free Library.

Partial denial for the Roman Catholic Church for vacant property located on Margaret Street Map 92 Lot 1A

Evan Brassard, Town Administrator meet with the board to discuss changing the current elections to the board to appointed. Town council is working on the article for town meeting. Mr. Brassard feels the town would benefit from the change. Individuals would be able to place a letter of interest listing qualifications for the position and be appointed by the select board. Currently individuals must obtain nomination papers with 30 signatures and once submitted it goes to town meeting where only 5 votes are needed to win a seat on the board. The Assessors are unique within two years of election or appointment you must complete and pass the Department of Revenue's course 101 certify you to value properties and set the tax rate.

Mr. Curtis and Mr. Avery were in favor of the change.

Mr. Curtis stated that some people believe with appointed board members political alliances maybe formed but the assessors are governed by laws that must be adhered to and they report to the Department of Revenue.

Mr. Brassard is also looking to change two other positions that are currently elected in the town to appointed.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2016 11 am

ADJOURN: 12:10 pm

Prepared by Alyce Johns, Principal Assessor