

Town of Lincoln
Board of Assessors Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021
Virtual Meeting pursuant to Governor Baker's order of March 12, 2020
Zoom Meeting ID 880 2609 0343

Members Present Virtually: Ellen Meadors, Chair, Edward Morgan, Laura Sander
Staff Present Virtually: Harald Scheid, Dorothy Blakeley

The Board virtually approved:

- BOA Minutes of March 1, 2021
 - Schedule of Bills Payable for April 2021
 - March MVE Report
- ✓ Ellen Meadors reported on the Property Tax Working Group discussions. A warrant article proposing that Lincoln establish a senior, means-tested tax relief program based on one adopted by Sudbury 6 or 7 years ago will be voted on at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The first step is to ask the State Legislature to pass special legislation allowing the Town to do this. The second step would be a vote of Town Meeting to implement the program. To qualify, a homeowner would be subject to the income limits for the State Circuit Breaker which are currently \$61,000 for a single filer and \$92,000 for married couples. The maximum allowed value of their residence would be the average assessed value of all single-family houses plus 10%. Ellen also noted that unfortunately, this potential program will not help residents who rent their homes.
- ✓ Harald Scheid stated he is working on the affordable housing trust spreadsheet and will continue to keep the Board updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 am.

The next meeting date is set for May 10, 2021

These minutes were approved on

April 10, 2021 *May 10, 2021 EBM*

Ellen B. Meadors

Ellen Meadors, Chair