



**TOWN OF LINCOLN
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Assessor's Minutes – June 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 AM – Donaldson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Meadors, Edward Morgan and Laura Sander

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Harald Scheid and Dorothy Blakeley

REVIEWED, APPROVED
AND SIGNED:

Signed Meeting Minutes: May 6, 2019

Signed Schedule of Bills Payable

Signed MVE Abatement Report for May 2019

Signed RE Abatement Report for May 2019

Signed remaining Chapter Liens

Assessor's Update

- The Board and Harald continued the ongoing discussion of affordable housing. Harald met recently with Tim Higgins to discuss affordable housing, including the three "arms" of housing; the Lincoln Housing Commission, the Affordable Housing Trust and the Housing Coalition, which includes the Lincoln Foundation. The Board of Selects has commissioned the "white paper" report. Harald noted that this may be the time to reassess what is working, and what is not, and perhaps make a change in our approach to assessing affordable housing. This item will continue to be an ongoing discussion.
- Harald updated the Board about his discussion with Bruce Morgan, the Wayland assessor, on the ongoing border property discussion. Harald invited Bruce to have the Wayland Board of Assessors come to one of our meetings to facilitate a joint discussion on border property values.
- Harald notified the Board that he will be meeting with Suffolk University on Thursday afternoon, specifically with Laura Sander and the acting provost, to discuss the possibilities for training a new generation of assessors.
- Harald informed the Board of his new RRG hire, Matt Larson, who will perform inspections.
- Ellen updated the Board on the Property Tax Working Group, and noted that the census data shows that 45% of residents are 65 and older, not including the Commons. When the Commons residents are added in, the percentage of residents 65 and older rises to 54%. Also, Carolyn Bottum, COA Director and a Property Tax Working Group member, reported that Lincoln Woods apartments are 75% affordable and some of the remaining 25% qualify as low income.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2019. The meeting was adjourned 8:40 AM.

These minutes were read and approved on

7/1/2019



Laura Sander