

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Taxation Aid Committee

DATE OF MEETING: 04-20-2021

TIME OF MEETING: 5:30 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual Meeting via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85300730902>

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AGENDA

1. Call to order: 5:34pm by Alejna – in attendance: Alejna Brugos, Joyce Gilmore, Kathleen Nicholson, Kevin Rudden, and Finance Director/Treasurer Jody Kurczy called in. Conducting meeting virtually as per Governor Baker's Covid guidelines.
2. Clerk's report (approve minutes): Kevin motion to approve; Joyce second. All approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jody new in role: committee assumed it is the same balance since December 2020: \$4,045.50 – no additional contributions since \$100 November 2020 donation.
4. Updates of means-tested property tax exemption for senior citizens
 - Two meeting coming up to discuss: goal of our meeting today is to develop agenda and informational handouts.
 - Alejna has the links to meetings – post as meetings with the Town.
 - Kevin has PowerPoint and document explaining the %s of circuit breaker and copied what circuit breaker for 2020 and what is eligibility; DOR document that explains circuit breaker
 - Kevin has meeting with State Boards of Assessors tomorrow and will get what materials they used to explain to their towns.
 - METER program: Kevin explained to Jody; fiscal 2023 implemented if it passes at Town Meeting and by vote

- **Zoom Information Sessions:** informational meetings will be recorded. If passed in May, goes to legislature; first time if goes on track – spring of calendar year 2022 (FY 2023); this Tax Aid Committee can fill the gap until this (potentially) goes into effect.
 - Tuesday, April 27, 2021 @ 7 pm EST
 - Saturday, May 1st @ 10am EST
- **Zoom Information Session Agenda:** Introduction – Tax Aid Committee background/overview (Alejna: Joyce/Kathleen backups), PowerPoint presentation (Kevin), Q&A
- MAAO.org – this program is growing across the state, so State looking into making this statewide.

5. Next steps

a. Outreach and publicity

- Alejna will post PowerPoint to Town Website as informational on METER program that will be addressed at Annual Town Meeting
- Follow up with Amy Kent to ensure we publicize with seniors: Alejna will send out announcements to Amy (Senior Center)
- Kevin will post information on social media
- Kevin will send all the latest information to Alejna
- Alejna will post 3 agendas to Town Website: 2 Zoom and Town Meeting

b. Future meetings – **April 27, 2021 at 7:00pm** EST as Zoom information session.

6. Adjourn: 6:35pm EST motion to adjourn by Joyce; Kevin seconds.

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