

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

MARCH 16, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jonathan Chappell, Aimee Heinrich, Richard O'Conner, Darryl Porto, Debbie Volker, Mayor Dickinson, Janis Small (Corporation Counsel), Kevin Coon (Assessor)

Call to order: 5:30 p.m.

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1. Introduction of Members and Staff
2. Election of Chairman

Nomination of Jonathan Chappell to be chairman made by Porto and seconded by O'Conner. No other nominations made and nominations closed. Motion to appoint Jonathan Chappell to be chairman of the Committee made by Porto and seconded by Heinrich. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Discussion of the purpose of the Committee and Scope of Work to be completed.

Discussion of the statutory requirements for the Town to create an additional tax relief program for the elderly. Discussion of the request for the Town to consider a "tax freeze". Discussion of the time frame for completing the work and making a report to the Town Council on recommendations.

4. Discussion regarding existing tax relief programs and options available for additional programs.

Kevin Coon provided an overview of the current programs and discussed the possible programs that could be adopted. A review of the requirements for the current programs, how many taxpayers are under the program and the types of relief offered. Discussion of the types of programs in other towns and what may be considered here. Discussion regarding the costs of the programs and the fact that the state does not reimburse the towns.

5. Discussion and possible action on next steps and scheduling meetings. Public comment to be scheduled at next meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 4th at 5:30 and the committee will welcome comments from the public. Comments may also be submitted in writing for those who cannot attend. Staff will get the word out about the meeting. Staff will continue to gather information on the different types of programs.

Adjourned: 6:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Porto and seconded by Heinrich. Unanimously approved.