

Senior Tax Abatement Ad Hoc Committee  
Town Hall  
Brookfield, CT 06804

Minutes of Meeting of November 17, 2017  
2:00 pm, Room 135, Town Hall

Present: Chair Betsy McIlvaine, Alice Carolan, Loretta Donovan, Jeff Kass, Maura Mangan.  
Absent: Jen Barczak, Mary Ferry, Dan Walker.

Mrs. McIlvaine called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

1. Public Comment: Richard Saluga, 32 Great Heron Lane, Brookfield, CT 06804 asked committee to consider home assessments as those numbers figure in tax relief.
2. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2017: members did not realize minutes were available on town website. No motion. Will vote at next meeting.
3. Tax Relief for Area Towns: Mangan had some figures for New Milford and will obtain additional information. Mrs. Carolan presented a chart comparing area towns, and she asked members to send her items to fill in gaps on their towns. Committee decided to add another column listing how towns determine pool of money for program.

We discussed variables to consider other than income:  
medical expenses,  
sliding scale for tax relief based on sliding scale of income,  
what would happen if we lowered age to be eligible for program,  
what would happen if we increased money available for program.

Mr. Kass will develop chart showing sliding scale of income and sliding scale of tax relief.

Mrs. Donovan asked how much money had been available for past five years (1% of Grand List) and what predictions are available for Grand List in next two years.

4. Time of meeting: we discussed that some committee members had trouble making an afternoon meeting, but decided to keep as seniors might not come to night meeting.

Schedule for next two months:

Dec. 7 meeting at 7:00pm  
Dec. 15: NO MEETING. Mrs. Carolan will inform Town Clerk office  
January 4: Meeting at 7:00PM  
January 19: meeting at 2:00pm

5. Public Comment: none.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm. Our next meeting is December 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Minutes provided by Alice Carolan

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Michelle DiBella, Clerk.  
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