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

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**Minutes of Meeting of May 4, 2018
2:00 pm, Room 129, Town Hall**

Present: Chair Betsy McIlvaine, Alice Carolan, Loretta Donovan, Jeff Kass (on phone). Absent: Jen Barczak, Mark Ferry, Maura Mangan, Dan Walker.

Mrs. McIlvaine called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

1. Public Comment: Richard Saluga
2. Approval of minutes of February 16, 2018: motion to approve made by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. Donovan, approved unanimously.

3. We discussed various assumptions and considerations and concurred that objective of committee is same as it was for the committee which reported to selectman on September 6, 2005:

To help keep seniors in their homes by providing a fair and equitable method to help them meet their property tax obligations, mindful of the economic limitations on the town and without placing a burden on other taxpayers.

We have looked at tax relief programs in many area towns, and ours continues to be among the most, if not the most, generous especially to seniors in need.

We discussed having a cap placed on taxes owed when people in need reach a certain age, such as age 75. Dr. Donovan will investigate tax implications to the town and we will discuss at future meeting.

4. Public Input: None.

5. Next Meetings: We will meet on May 17, 2018 in town hall at 2:00pm primarily to discuss the special meeting we have scheduled for May 21 at 2:00pm with seniors, and any others, to discuss ways to improve our current senior abatement plan. Mrs McIlvaine will publicize May 21 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Minutes provided by Alice Carolan