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

Amended Minutes of Meeting of December 3, 2017
7:00 pm, Room 135, Town Hall

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

Mrs. McIlvaine called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Public Comment: none.
2. Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2017: motion to approve made by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Kass, approved unanimously.
Approval of minutes of November 17, 2017: motion to approve made by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Kass, approved unanimously.

3. Assumptions and Tentative Recommendations:

Assumptions:

- a. The senior population is growing and more people may be eligible for tax abatement.
- b. The town's grand list is growing.
- c. The State may eliminate its subsidy to senior taxes.

Tentative recommendations

- a. increase cap on money available for senior tax abatement. Currently 1% of Grand List. Unless we increase money available, more people may apply and receive less than currently receive.
- b. Offset income by cost of medical expenses, as Newtown does.
- c. Develop a sliding scale that reduces abatement if income exceeds limit in given year.
- d. Consider ways to assist seniors if the State eliminates its subsidy to senior tax relief.

4. Income: Mr. Kass presented a possible reduction plan if, in a given year, income exceeds our income limit. We will discuss plan further.

Example:	Income of \$50,000 or less	Tax deferral is \$2000
	Income of \$50,001 - \$52,000	Tax deferral is \$1600
	Income of \$52,001 - \$54,000	Tax deferral is \$1200
	Income of \$54,001 - \$56,000	Tax deferral is \$800
	Income of \$56,001 - \$58,000	Tax deferral iOS \$400
	Income \$58,001 and above	No tax deferral

5. Housing Data Profile: Mrs. Donovan presented documents from Partnership for Strong Communities, which reflect our declining school population and increasing senior population.

6. Public comment: None.

7. Meetings: **Next meeting is January 19, 2018 at 2:00pm.** No meetings on December 22, 2017 or January 4, 2018. Mrs. Carolan will inform town clerk of our 2018 meeting schedule. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Minutes provided by Alice Carolan