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:

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<th>Income Range</th>
<th>Tax deferral</th>
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<td>$50,000 or less</td>
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<td>$50,001 - $52,000</td>
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<td>$56,001 - $58,000</td>
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<td>$58,001 and above</td>
<td>No tax deferral</td>
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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