

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2017

Attending: Pauline DiCesare, Linwood Bradford, Joan Bradford, Anne Gilbert and Julie Secord (COA Director).

Absent: Steve Colella

The meeting was brought to order by Linwood Bradford at 7:05 pm. Two guests, Robert Weiland and Brian Colella, were welcomed as potential new members of our committee.

The minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written. There was no Public Comment.

Julie explained to our guests what the tax benefits are that the town offers. She went over the Valor Act overseen by the assessor's office and the Work Off Program run by the Council on Aging. Both programs now give W-2s for taxable income.

Julie gave us a possible annual report for our committee that goes to the town to define our committee and projects worked on in FY2017. We voted to send the report as written to the town for their report that is sent to the residents of Wayland.

Linwood Bradford reported that there had been a meeting of the MCOA on September 18, but that he and Joan were unable to attend. He did not know what had been discussed.

We discussed the cards that we have been working on about tax relief programs offered by the town. Julie has been working on the Valor Act card, but needs further definition from Ellen Brideau about the program. We still do not have final approval of the cards from Ellen, but will print them as soon as we get the approvals. There is a meeting scheduled for November 29th at the COA where Brian Lynch from the Mass. Department of Revenue will talk about tax programs offered for seniors. Julie would like to have the cards ready for that meeting.

We discussed the article being presented by the selectmen at the November town meeting to change the date by which applications for the Town Circuit Breaker program must be made. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors have supported the change unanimously, and we voted to support the change as well.

We talked with Robert and Brian to discuss the goals of our committee and their interest in the committee. We are hopeful that they will choose to join us. Julie will let the selectmen know that the two men attended our meeting so that the approval process can proceed.

The next meeting of our committee will be on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 pm. Our meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Gilbert (Clerk)