

**SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE**  
**April 10, 2019**

Attending: Linwood Bradford, Joan Bradford, Pauline DiCesare, Steve Colella, Markey Burke, and Anne Gilbert. Also attending were Sue Hatton, Outreach Coordinator for COA, and Julie Secord, COA Director.

The meeting was called to order by Linwood Bradford at 9:00 AM. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting of the committee were approved as written.

There has not been a meeting of MCOA for several months.

We discussed the Circuit Breaker tax relief for seniors. At the end of the Massachusetts tax form is a form that can be filled in for those who qualify for this property tax relief. If your property taxes are greater than 10% of your income you could qualify. You must submit a Massachusetts tax form in order to qualify. Wayland will match the amount of one's state tax relief.

Julie Secord told us that there is a new Brave Act tax relief option that is available for people in Massachusetts as a local option – it must be approved by each town. Wayland hopes to present the option at the fall town meeting. This would replace the Valor Act and would be capped at \$1500.00. The town assessors will oversee the program. Julie hopes to know more about this by the June meeting of our committee.

Julie told us about the town Expo being done at the high school on April 17<sup>th</sup> to showcase technology and services that are being offered to people of all ages. She encouraged us to attend.

The next meeting of the committee will be June 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Gilbert (Clerk)