

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

August 9, 2017

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

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting of the committee were approved as amended. The minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Julie explained to us that the Valor Act is now being looked at by the IRS for those in the program to be given a W2 rather than just a check to help pay their property taxes. This would be considered a wage paid by the town and would not necessarily need to be used for property taxes. The hourly rate is set on July 1 for the fiscal year. This year's program has a cap of 65 hours and \$715.00.

We looked at the card information of tax relief that we have been working on. We decided that the Blind Exemption, Veteran Exemption, and Community Preservation Act were ready to send to Ellen Brideau (Tax Assessor) for her approval after the standard disclaimer is added. Julie is going to do that. Once we get the approvals from Ellen we can print the cards for distribution.

We discussed the needs of our committee since Rebecca MacGregor has left. We need two new members for a full committee. We voted unanimously for Linwood and Joan Bradford to be acting co-chairmen of the committee.

Our next meeting will be October 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gilbert (Clerk)