

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE

December 13, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Linwood Bradford at 7:00 PM. We were told that Robert Weiland who observed our last meeting has met with the Selectmen and has been approved for our committee. Since he had not gotten an official letter he felt he should not yet attend our meeting as a member. Brian Colella who observed our last meeting has decided that he cannot join the committee due to his schedule. Smita Chirayath observed our meeting this session to consider joining us as a member.

There was no public comment.

The minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting of our committee were approved as written.

There has not been a meeting of the MCOA since the last report.

The cards with tax relief information that we have been working on have been approved by Ellen Brideau, the Wayland Tax Assessor. Julie had difficulty printing the cards on card stock with her office printer and was concerned about the formatting of the cards. Julie will work on them and print them or outsource them for printing if needed. The Valor Act card is not quite finished due to tax issues.

Julie told us that there is now a listing of households with seniors over age 60 in Wayland, categorized by decades, and their addresses. She thinks there may be a way to mesh this information with the assessor's information to find more seniors eligible for tax relief. It will not give us income information, but may give us areas to look at based on property values. We are still interested in looking into the Sudbury tax relief plan to see if we could do something similar in Wayland.

The next meeting of our committee will be February 7th, 2018 at 7:00 PM. (We moved the normal meeting date up a week due to Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Gilbert (Clerk)