

**EASTON TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES - MEETING OF October 30, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm in the Senior Center conference room. Present were Chairman Paul Lindoerfer, Renn Gordon, Karen Martin, and Ray Longo. Marvin Gelfand was absent.

Renn Gordon moved and Karen Martin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee meeting of October 22, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed the following items:

- Chairman Lindoerfer is continuing to make the draft edits discussed to the ordinance, which will be reviewed by the committee upon completion.
- The committee discussed priority agenda items for our review: the drop out survey, reviewing the asset limit, the handling of losses, and the handling of extraordinary medical expenses.
- The committee reviewed a list of residents who did not apply for tax relief, and discussed a plan to survey why they did not participate. The committee agreed to contact residents telephonically. The goal of calling the residents is to help the committee gain a better understanding of why the residents did not apply.
- Easton resident Mr. Charles Lynch reiterated his recommendations for the tax relief for the elderly program with the committee from October 22, 2014. He discussed his concerns on the asset limit, and proposed an alternative option that tax relief is offered to residents who have been paying taxes for 25 years. The committee agreed to continue to review his concerns.
- The committee continued to review the \$500,000 asset limit and whether other modifications should be made to the program. No determination has been made.
- The committee plans to meet again on October 3rd, November 12th, and November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Agenda items for review at the upcoming meetings: the phone survey results, the asset limit, the handling of extraordinary medical expenses, the handling of losses, the maximum allowable tax credit %, and text updates to the ordinance to be drafted for The Board of Finance.
- The meeting adjourned at 8.58 pm.

Ray Longo



Secretary  
October 31, 2014