

**Town of Easton, CT
Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee
Special Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: February 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual meeting via ZOOM

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:21pm after some delay in getting participants online.
Present: Paul Lindoerfer, Masha Watson, Scott Charmoy
Absent: Ray Longo, Renn Gordon
2. The minutes of the last two meetings were reviewed. The minutes of the 1/21/2021 meeting are amended to change "Marsha Watson" to "Masha Watson". A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of 12/16/2020 and 1/21/2021 as amended. All were in favor.
3. The tax relief application package was discussed with regard to the determination of the medical expense deduction from household income. It was noted that, although the description of this calculation in the ordinance is lengthy, the application form has been modified to try to make it less complicated.
4. The spreadsheet containing a review the senior tax relief programs of other towns was briefly discussed. It was noted that the Easton program was more generous than those of nearby towns.
5. The deferral program data was briefly discussed. Getting overall program data from the tax collection system database is difficult.
6. The 2018 ordinance has been updated with all the modifications that the committee members have suggested. This is the ordinance that the committee will recommend to the BOF and the Town Meeting for their approval.
7. The committee expects the next meeting to be the last. To prepare for this Paul Lindoerfer will draft the committee's final report. At this final meeting the committee will vote to accept all modifications proposed to the 2018 ordinance and to accept the committee report.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Paul Lindoerfer, Chairman
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