

EASTON TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - MEETING OF October 2nd, 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.

Renn Gordon moved and Karen Martin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Tax Relief for the Elderly Committee meeting of September 25, 2014. The motion carried unanimously with agreement to the following updates to the minutes dated September 26, 2014:

- The Committee discussed the ordinance and drafting edits to the ordinance, to include information on extension for filing, and the use of the prior year's tax return to conduct the review process.
- It was proposed by Renn Gordon that the committee submit a report for the Board of Finance subsequent to May 30th of each year, and this language is added to the ordinance.
- The committee agreed that a discussion of the tax relief limitations will occur after the committee does the necessary polling and collects additional information.

The committee reviewed the following items:

- A review of the tax relief recipients report.
- Discussed possibly reaching out telephonically to approximately 30 residents who did not apply for relief (identified as "unknowns"), once the Tax Collector's office does additional research on them, and provides the committee with that information.
- The Committee discussed the instance of non-marital relationships. There was a discussion around administration of these relationships being considered as equivalent to spousal relationships. The committee feels no need to change the ordinance in this regard.
- The Committee discussed the following edits (underlined) being drafted to the ordinance:

Section 14, g. "Any person refused relief for any reason may only appeal to the Board of Selectman..."

Section 14, h. "In case of an appeal, the Selectman shall prior to making a decision, consult with the tax relief committee or its chairman, who may convene the committee for its recommendation."

- The committee plans on meeting again on October 22, 2014.
- The committee discussed a target date of October 30, 2014 for drafted edits to the ordinance, and agreed to review and vote on each change.
- The meeting adjourned at 8.35pm.

Ray Longo



Secretary
October 3, 2014