

Elderly Commission Meeting
April 25, 2005 at 11:30 AM
Town Hall

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2005.

Present Claire Badstubner, Karen Boutin, Catherine Drouin, H. Stuart Woodard, Carol Madore, Tax Assessor, Elizabeth Burns, Municipal Agent.

Absent: Cheryl Littlefield

Meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by Elizabeth Burns, Municipal Agent.

The first order of business was to formally accept the resignations of Ruth Messetti and Mary Shefrin with regrets.

The next order of business was to welcome our new members Catherine Drouin and Karen Boutin.

Elizabeth Burns gave an update on the secretarial search. Fortunately a secretary has been obtained. Her name is Christine Pellegrine and she will begin her assignment on May 23, 2005.

Election for a chairman was entertained. A motion to elect Claire Badstubner was made by H. Stuart Woodard and seconded by Catherine Drouin.

It was unanimous to elect Claire Badstubner Chairman.

Discussion was held regarding Public Hearing before the end of November 2005. There should be two hearings held both on the same day with a morning and evening presentation. For the presentation Carol Madore, Tax Assessor and Elizabeth Burns, Municipal Agent will prepare a presentation.

The Elderly Commission will make a formal request to the Board of Selectman to extend the deadline for the initial report on Tax Credit's or Tax deferral until January 2006.

Carol Madore, Tax Assessor will give update information after formal mill rate is established.

Question from Claire Badstubner – How many individuals will potential participate in program?

At our next meeting Carol Madore will supply update information. Currently the State of Connecticut provides \$44,901.78.

Per Carol Madore other criteria are whether single or married as the credit amount varies also life use is considered a homeowner for the State Program. Deed must have life use on it so this factor must be considered when establishing a program.

Carol Madore's office would be the responsible office for any new Tax Programs and what then would be staff consideration.

Claire Badstubner indicated to new members that there had been a previous discussion of increasing benefits.

Carol Madore states 93 applicants currently could be involved in program. Carol Madore explained about the current programs.

Claire Badstubner suggested that a vice chairman be elected so everyone was asked to consider this position and an election will take place at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be May 23, 2005 at 11:30 AM at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Burns
Municipal Agent
Acting Secretary