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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Minutes of the Legislative Ordinance Committee Meeting

The Ordinance Committee met on Tuesday February 9th, 2016 in Meeting Room 1 of the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Lane, Newtown. Committee Chairman Ryan Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mr. Honan, Ms. DeStefano and Mr. Knapp.
Absent: Mr. Chaudhary, Mr. Eide and Ms. Jacob

Also in attendance: Finance Director Bob Tait

MINUTES: Mr. Knapp noted that because there was no quorum, there would be no actions taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Knapp received three email communications from Ambulance Corps Chief Michael Collins, Ambulance Assoc President Dr. Grossman and resident Stephen Rosenblatt which he will attach to the minutes.

New Business

Mr. Knapp noted that they did not have a quorum and would be taking no actions tonight. That the present group would proceed and this would be more of a working group out of respect to Mr. Tait's busy schedule and budget obligations. They would ask their questions, document their answers and record them for the benefit of the other committee members and the public record.

Review and Recommendation regarding abatement for volunteer fire, ambulance and underwater rescue personnel.

Mr. Knapp began discussion with a review of the questions he had submitted and Mr. Tait had responded to (attached.)

Mr. Tait provided information on the difference between abatements and exemptions, noting the language inconsistencies the committee questioned and that the wording is off.

Mr. Knapp pointed out that as worded in Code Book 208-22 the maximum "exemption against assessed values" would be \$1,000. That means a \$300,000 home would be taxed as a \$299,000 home, which when multiplied by the mill rate equates to about a \$33 tax benefit. After speaking to local Firemen, he understands that is not current practice, nor is it the intent of this ordinance.

Mr. Tait confirmed the process whereby the Tax Assessor determines an exemption which would correspond to the intended exemption as seen on the chart he handed out.

Mr. Knapp questioned how the Assessor can determine that before the Mill Rate is set, and how we can set a Mill Rate with variations in Grand List.

Mr. Tait speculated that they may use the last year's numbers but that could be problematic in some circumstances such as a reval year.

Mr. Honan asked a question about how we verify eligibility

Mr. Knapp responded that would be the responsibility of our First Selectman as our executive. He also noted that a fireman he spoke with said their department requires them to respond to 10% of their calls, which in the case of some of our departments could be as high as 50 or 60 calls a year, over and above the

25 minimum required in the ordinance which would mean they are holding themselves to a higher standard.

Mr. Honan asked if the amount of the credit is sufficient given the service provided

Mr. Knapp spoke to the charge, which we were asked to look at this because it has not been adjusted for years and presumably we would consider some sort of inflation or cost of living increase. However, the enabling statute limits any credit a town may give to \$1000. What we could possibly do is consider recommending a reduction to the time served before a volunteer become eligible, say from 7 years to 5 years.

Ms. DeStefano asked if this incentivizes people to volunteer

Mr. Honan said this was not an active program when he was involved

Mr. Tait said this may be interpreted as the town showing its appreciation, and that they also provide a stipend.

Ms. DeStefano said that this program is as generous as we are allowed to be and asked what brought this up?

Mr. Knapp speculated that it has not been revisited in some time. He asked Mr. Tait to speak to the pros and cons of having it as an abatement program or an exemption program.

Mr. Tait said that there are other exemption programs such as state programs seen in the revenue section of the budget. However a revaluation year could mess this up so a credit may be easier. Adding a line item to capture these funds would not impact the budget because Net Tax Grand List would go up accordingly. Abatement might be simpler.

Mr. Knapp thinks including it in the budget would make it simpler and more transparent. He questioned if the Dec 15 submission deadline is early enough for the Selectman's budget to capture an appropriate line item to fund credits. He noted that the number of volunteers receiving these credits is lower than he expected it to be.

Mr. Honan questioned out of town volunteers and how that works.

Mr. Tait said that is handled by the assessor and is not in the budget book.

Mr. Knapp said there are provisions for out of town volunteers in the statute, but he will contact the assessor on this question and report back. At the next meeting the group will discuss abatement vs exemption from several angles, but he feels the committee should provide the Council with a recommendation on language that captures intent as opposed to the existing language which does not reflect practice or intent.

Review and recommendation regarding senior tax abatement program.

Mr. Knapp reviewed the questions and answers provided.

Mr. Tait said that we do not have a sophisticated data collection system. It gives totals but is not much more insightful than that. He referenced his charts that show the senior population is growing. The registrar of voters has seen the number of senior voters grow from 3743 to 4058. He said that we are the second most generous abatement program based on the amount we fund in our budget.

Mr. Knapp asked if towns with large populations would have larger budget lines for Senior Tax Abatement.

Mr. Tait said the first highest town in terms of dollars allocated to Senior Tax Abatement is actually smaller than Newtown, and that many of the larger communities cannot afford to be as generous.

Mr. Knapp asked a question Mr. Eide has raised at the last meeting regarding the changes in "other" where applicants decreased but the amount spent increased.

Mr. Tait said the "other" row in his chart is impacted by State Tax Credits, exemptions and partial credits.

Mr. Knapp noted that we know there are several new inquiries, but do we know how many people typically leave the program in a given year?

Mr. Tait said we do not.

Mr. Knapp commented that he would like to see us use the full budgeted amount, but considering the program seems poised to grow, we do not have a lot of information to make informed changes without risking going too far and prorating it for those who need it most.

Mr. Tait said that in the future they may consider using the 4506-T form to get tax information as they do receive some copies unsigned.

Mr. Knapp said that is worth looking into, but does not want to see the program get so burdensome it becomes a deterrent. He pointed out that if the condition of the parking lot at the Senior Center is enough to deter people from using that facility, an over abundance of forms may deter people from utilizing this program.

Ms. DeStefano raised the issue of the home value test.

Mr. Knapp noted at least one person was excluded due to it, but without turnover data, we have no way of knowing how many did not reapply.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Tait for coming and adjourned the group at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan W. Knapp
Ordinance Committee Chairman

In preparation for Tuesday's Ordinance Committee meeting I have put together a list of some questions that came up following our last meeting. Im not sure if this is information you have or can get.

Senior Tax Abatement:

- One qualifier is the value of real estate the applicant owns. Do we have any idea how many qualifying individuals fall under median asessed value of real estate (listed at \$468,830) and how many fall between 100% and 200%?
- Do we have research already compiled on what other towns in the region offer their senior population for tax abatement? I'm sure it needs to be updated but I would rather not reinvent the wheel. *(Ryan here: I forwarded previous research to the new LC member who asked this, but if you have access to overall data beyond the 10 or so other ordinance's we got from CCM, that would be helpful)*
- What has the turnover been for our program both in people terms of people leaving it vs new people coming into the program?
- How many people did not reapply after the new ordinance was implemented but are still residents in town?
- What is the status of the 50 or so new inquires you mentioned?
- How many people applied and were excluded by either the asset test or the home value test?
- Do we have any age census data to get an idea of how many soon to be seniors there are in Newtown?
- Is there any way to get income data, possibly via social services?

One the Fire, Emergency and NEUSAR Tax Abatement:

- This is confusing firstly. It reads like an abatement, is listed as an abatement in the title but is described as an assessment exemption program. Can you speak to how this is administered?
 - There is no budget line item for these in the Fire, Emergency or NEUSAR budgets. How do we capture the cost/lost revenue?
 - Exemption against property value would then be adjusted by the mill rate correct? So a \$250K house with a \$1000 exemption means we would only tax on a \$249K house? I do not think that is the intent.
 - Would this program make more sense if it were administered like the senior tax program? Would it be easier to capture rather than taking it off revenues?
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Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>
To: Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 12:35 PM

Here's the tax collectors answers to those questions. On the fire exemption / abatement (same thing). Part of the assessment is abated (taken off). So the amount taken off is not part of the net taxable grand list. It is an application process that is handled thru the Selectman's office (via the fire, ambulance, etc). Program seems to be working. I see no reason to change it.

Bob

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Carol Mahoney** <carol.mahoney@newtown-ct.gov>
Date: Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 11:15 AM
Subject: RE: Questions For Ordinance
To: Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>

Answers to these questions

1. We only had one applicant that was over the median assessed value of \$468,830. The info for the 2nd part of this question is not readily

available at this point we would have to research this.

2. I have not done an update on what the other towns offer but will look into this.

3. The turnover is minimal and there are 50 potential new inquires, it may be helpful to have these questions ahead of time so we can track this info in May when the program is closed for this year.

4. We are not aware of any people that did not reapply after the new ordinance was implemented.

5. The date to accept applications begins March 1st so we will have an idea after then about the 50 new inquires.

6. Only one person was excluded by the asset test.

7. No age data on soon to be Seniors maybe the registrars can be contacted for that.

8. I spoke with Ann Piccini and she said that they don't have any income data except for approx.. 100 Seniors who are on their fuel assistance

Program, (very low income)

I hope this helps, Carol

Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>
To: Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 1:05 PM

Thank you Bob,

On number 3, could we get real numbers on things like turnover? I have to imagine some people leave Newtown and others pass on. It would be hard to separate that out for number 4 but if there were, we would likely see an uptick in people who applied in the previous year but not in the following. Do we track any of this or can we compare lists?

As for the second item which you responded to, I think we need to have a talk about this at our meeting. The ordinance doesn't read like it seems to be implemented in practice. Giving an exemption of \$1000 off the assessed values of property is not the same as a tax abatement of \$1000.

Per the CGS: Sec. 12-81w. Municipal option to abate or exempt a portion of property taxes of local firefighters and certain emergency and civil preparedness personnel. The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for the nonsalaried local director of civil preparedness and for individuals who volunteer their services as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, an active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, or ambulance driver in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) an abatement of up to one thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize interlocal agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer their services in another municipality."

Our code reads as if you take an exemption off the assessed value and limits that to \$1000. That would mean a \$300,000 house is calculated as a \$299,000 house for the purposes of a tax bill is that correct?

<http://www.ecode360.com/9875390>

Do we have any way of capturing costs for this program?

How many people receive the benefit and at what levels?

How does an assessment exemption figure into our grand list and tax revenue calculations?

Thanks a lot Bob,

-Ryan

Robert Tait <robert.tait@newtown-ct.gov>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 1:14 PM

To: Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>

Yes the ordinance is written funny. The \$1,000 is really a tax credit which equates to an assessment amount. If it was really an assessment amount the tax credit would be \$33. That does not make sense. Did talk to the tax collector about this.

The tax collector does not keep a list like that. I know they use the approved applications to create the tax credit on the system. Can inquire more.

bob

An exemption reduces the property's assessed value and may be in the form of a percentage of that value or a reduction of that value.

For example, a house with an assessed value of \$140,000 and a \$20,000 exemption would be taxed at \$120,000.

An abatement reduces the amount of tax due.

For example, if the owner of a home owes \$1,000 in taxes and is entitled to a 10% abatement, he or she would pay \$900 instead.

Chapter 208. Taxation

Article VI. Tax Abatement for Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Underwater Rescue Personnel

§ 208-19. Purpose.

In recognition of the benefits provided to the Town of Newtown by the dedicated service of the Town's volunteer fire, ambulance and underwater search and rescue personnel, the Newtown Legislative Council hereby establishes an assessment exemption program pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 12-81w for volunteer fire, ambulance and underwater search and rescue personnel on the conditions outlined below.

§ 208-20. Eligibility.

Members of at least three years' good standing of the Newtown Volunteer Fire Departments, Ambulance Corps and New town Underwater Search and Rescue (NUSAR) who reside in and pay property tax to the Town of Newtown as of October 1 preceding their application shall be eligible for such exemption. A year's service in good standing is achieved when meeting at least one of the following criteria:

A.
The member must respond to a minimum of 25 calls in the calendar year preceding inclusion on any certified list; or

B.
The member must hold one of the following positions in the emergency services:

(1)
Administrative/Executive board.

(2)
Commissioner.

(3)
Line officer/operational officer.

(4)
Support member, per company or association bylaws.

§ 208-21. Administration.

A.
Annually on or before December 5 of each year, the president of each Fire Department shall certify and submit to the Board of Fire Commissioners a list of the members of his/her organizations who are eligible as defined in § 208-20. This list shall contain addresses of such members and the exemption amount for which each member is eligible. The Board of Fire Commissioners will review and certify said list, making corrections as necessary, before submitting it to the Office of the First Selectman (for forwarding to the Town Assessor) by December 15 of each year.

B.
The Ambulance Association shall review and certify the Ambulance Corps list, and said list shall contain addresses of such members and the exemption amount for which each member is eligible as defined in § 208-20, and submit it directly to the Office of the First Selectman (for forwarding to the Town Assessor) by December 15 of each year.

C.
Annually, on or before December 15 of each year, the President of NUSAR shall certify and submit to the Director of Newtown Emergency Management its own list of members who are eligible as defined in § 208-20. The Director will review and certify said list, making corrections as necessary, before submitting it directly to the Office of the First Selectman (for forwarding to the Town Assessor) by December 15 of each year.

§ 208-22. Exemption schedule.

Exemption against assessed values with respect to property taxes (which shall be applied first to any real property the recipient may own before being applied to personal property) shall be applied to the July 1 installment tax bill in accordance with the following:

A.
Exemption schedule.

Years of Service in Good Standing (preceding date of list certification)	Amount of Exemption
3	\$250
4	\$440
5	\$675
6	\$860
7 or more	\$1,000

These are abatement amounts (tax credits)

B.
Assessed exemption amounts for two or more members can be applied to the same property if each member is a co-owner of that property.

C.
A member who has a break in service may subsequently return to service and in such case shall be entitled to have former qualifying years counted towards benefits under this schedule.

§ 208-23. Maximum relief.

A.
In no event may any exemption amount equate to more than the maximum amount of relief permitted under state statute, and if so, the Assessor may cap the total relief afforded to any individual to the permitted maximum.

B.
Members are limited to only one exemption, regardless of the number of volunteer organizations to which they belong.

§ 208-24. Adjustments.

The Legislative Council may adjust the level of tax relief for qualified individuals, on or before May 1 of each year, by majority vote at a regular meeting of the Council, such adjustment to take effect for the current Grand List.

2013 Connecticut General Statutes: Title 12 - Taxation
Chapter 203 - Property Tax Assessment
Section 12-81w - Municipal option to abate or exempt a portion of property taxes of local firefighters and certain emergency and civil preparedness personnel.

CT Gen Stat § 12-81w (2013)

The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for the non-salaried local emergency management director and for any individual who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, fire police officer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, an active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, an active member of a volunteer underwater search and rescue team, or an ambulance driver in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) an abatement of up to one thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize inter-local agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer their services in another municipality.

(P.A. 99-272, S. 6, 7; P.A. 00-120, S. 10, 13; P.A. 01-187, S. 21, 25; P.A. 04-241, S. 2; P.A. 11-21, S. 3; 11-243, S. 2.)

History: P.A. 99-272 effective June 15, 1999, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 1999; P.A. 00-120 made non-salaried local directors of civil preparedness eligible and authorized municipalities to establish a property tax exemption in lieu of an abatement, effective May 26, 2000, and applicable to assessment years commencing October 1, 1999; P.A. 01-187 provided for tax relief for civil preparedness staff volunteers, effective October 1, 2001, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2001; P.A. 04-241 provided for tax relief for active members of volunteer canine search and rescue teams; P.A. 11-21 replaced "local director of civil preparedness" with "local emergency management director" and made a technical change; P.A. 11-243 provided for tax relief for fire police officers and active members of volunteer underwater search and rescue teams and made a technical change, effective July 1, 2011.

TOWN OF NEWTOWN - VOLUNTEER FIRE/AMBULANCE/NUSAR TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM 2014-15				
TAXPAYER	STREET	EXEMPT1	EXEMPT2	CREDIT
ADAMS MILTON S	1 TWIST HILL LANE	30,020	-	1,000
ALMSTEAD JOHN D & ALMSTEAD AIMEE E	103 HATTERTOWN ROAD	13,510	-	450
BARRESI PETER R & HEATHER L	6 WALKER HILL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
BASFORD SARA	85 POVERTY HOLLOW ROAD	13,505	-	450
BASSO JOHN	3 HAWLEYVILLE ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
BASSO PAUL P & ANN M	21 TAUNTON LAKE DRIVE	30,020	-	1,000
BEERS MORRIS C+MARYELLEN M	PO BOX 129	30,020	-	1,000
BELISARI JOSEPH J JR & BELISARI PATRICIA	16 GREENBRIAR LANE	30,020	-	1,000
BLANCHARD KIRK	10 PLUMTREES ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
BLOMBERG PETER 1/3 BLOMBERG ROBERT 1/3	34 BOTSFORD HILL RD	30,020	-	1,000
BOLMER RONALD E	13 SHELLEY ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
BOLMER RYAN	145 HATTERTOWN ROAD	7,510	-	250
BONSIGNORE KENT A & KATHLEEN A	22 PARK LANE	30,020	-	1,000
BRADY RICHARD K & AMY J	18 BONNIE BRAE DRIVE	30,020	-	1,000
BRUNETTI WILLIAM SR & JOANNE	77 BUTTERFIELD ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
BURTON MICHAEL L	P.O. BOX 79	30,020	-	1,000
CAIN ELIZABETH E	6 BLACK WALNUT DRIVE	30,020	-	1,000
CAMEJO RICHARD & JOYCE	1 PATRICIA LANE	30,020	-	1,000
CAMERON SUSAN E	14 CURRITUCK ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
CAPOZZIELLO TINA L & ANTHONY V	12 SUNNY VIEW TERRACE	30,020	-	1,000
CARLSON KENNETH G & BARBARA P	0025 SUNNY VIEW TERRACE	30,020	-	1,000
CARNEY JUDITH E	0008 CURRY DRIVE	78,350	-	2,611
CASSIN THOMAS F & MARIE P	6 TAUNTON LAKE ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
CIACCIA WAYNE A & CYNTHIA L	33 SWAMP ROAD	30,020	30,020	2,000
CLYNE KEVIN J & VIRGINIA R	26 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
COLLINS MICHAEL J & MAUREEN D	071A GREAT RING ROAD	30,020	7,510	1,250
CONROD RICHARD & SUSAN M	64 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE	30,020	30,020	2,000
CORBO RAYMOND A & ELAINE D	8 LYRICAL LANE	30,020	-	1,000
DAHLMAYER CATHRYN	15 SUNNY VIEW TERRACE	25,520	-	850
DELORME RAYMOND J+PATRICIA A	0008 BEARS HILL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
DEWOLFE MARK D & JUDITH L	1 MISTY VALE ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
DOBSON MATTHEW H & AMY E	11 GRAYS PLAIN ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
DUGAN JEFFREY A & KAREN E	6 FOX RUN LANE	30,020	-	1,000
EDDY DAVID L & MARY E	2 CURRITUCK ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
FARRELL DAVID E	51 POVERTY HOLLOW ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
FELI JASON R & JAMIE M	76 PARMALOE HILL RD	30,020	-	1,000
FORBELL EDMUND C & MARGARET S	128 WALNUT TREE HL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
FOWLER JOSEPH P + BARBARA J	4 LITTLE BROOK LANE	30,020	-	1,000
FRAMPTON RICHARD R & LEREINE	6 PEBBLE ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
FULLER RAYMOND G + THERESA M	0021 BUTTERFIELD ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
GIES TIMOTHY W	14 KNOLLWOOD DRIVE	30,020	-	1,000
GUGLIELMI JOHN & PAULA	20 GELDING HILL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
HALSTEAD KARIN M & JELTEMA JOHN M	6 OAK DRIVE	30,020	30,020	2,000
HALSTEAD WILLIAM T SR	23 CHERRY STREET	30,020	-	1,000
HANLON THOMAS W & HANLON MARY E	16 CAROL ANN DRIVE	30,020	30,020	2,000
HENEGHAN MICHAEL J	72 ALPINE CIRCLE	30,020	-	1,000
HOEFFEL TIMOTHY	74 QUEEN STREET	30,020	-	1,000
HULL CHARLES E IV	1 SADDLE RIDGE ROAD	13,510	-	450
JENSEN WILLIAM M JR & AGNES ANN	171 JENNIFER LANE	30,020	-	1,000
JOSSICK DAVID J	2 FOX RUN LANE SOUTH	30,020	-	1,000
KEOGH PATRICK S	9 BECKETT VILLAGE	30,020	-	1,000
KILSON CHARLES E	10 CROWN VIEW DRIVE	30,020	-	1,000
KOPCIK NICHOLAS J JR & MELISSA A	1 SHORT HILL ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
KRIKORIAN RICHARD R & LYDIA D	55 GREAT RING ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
LAGEMAN JASON	145 HEAD OF MEADOW ROAD	25,520	-	850
LEMAY ALFRED E	167 TODDY HILL ROAD	25,520	-	850
LERMAN KENNETH & LAURA E	55 MAIN STREET	30,020	-	1,000
LEWIS ALLAN P & LYNN M	1 AVALON WAY	30,020	-	1,000
LISKA JOSHUA C & SALLY R	18 INDIAN HILL LANE	30,020	-	1,000
LISKA RICHARD M JR & DONNA H	112 HANOVER ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
LOCKWOOD GEORGE F & CAROL A	0009 PINE STREET	30,020	-	1,000
MATER DAVID E & HELGA Z	201 RIVERSIDE ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
MANNA LEE ROY & JENNIFER A	12 EVERGREEN ROAD	30,020	-	1,000
MANNA ROBERT E JR	100 GLEN ROAD	30,020	-	1,000

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

FACTS & FIGURES – SENIOR TAX RELIEF

2013 – 2014

around 700 now

- 740 (+/-) SENIOR HOUSE HOLDS RECEIVED A SENIOR TAX CREDIT OR AN ASSESSMENT EXEMPTION TO BE APPLIED TOWARDS THEIR REAL ESTATE TAX.
 - THIS REPRESENTS AT LEAST 25% OF THE TOTAL SENIOR VOTING POPULATION.
 - THERE ARE 3,743 VOTING SENIORS (PER THE REGISTRARS). THE 740 FIGURE ABOVE REPRESENTS HOUSEHOLDS, SO THE NUMBER OF SENIORS RECEIVING TAX CREDITS IS GREATER.
- THESE ARE THE SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT NEED THE MOST HELP (FINANCIALLY). THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOMES FIT INTO THE FOLLOWING BRACKETS:

latest 4,058

<u>INCOME BRACKET</u>	<u>APPROX. # OF HOUSEHOLDS</u>	
\$55,001 – 65,000	120	
\$45,001 – 55,000	150	
\$00,000 – 45,000	420	740 TOTAL
ODD CASES	50	

- THE FOLLOWING DATA RELATES TO THEIR MOST RECENT TAX BILLS:

	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>MEDIAN</u>
HOME MARKET VALUE	\$274,000	\$250,000
HOME ASSESSED VALUE (70%)	\$192,000	\$175,000
TAX BILL (2013-2014) – AFTER CREDITS	\$3,885	\$3,514
SENIOR DISCOUNT ON TAX BILL (DUE TO TAX CREDIT AND/OR EXEMPTION)	39%	42%
DECREASE IN TAX BILL DUE TO REVALUATION	-3%	-7%

TOWN BENEFIT AS OF MAY 5, 2015:

JULY 2014 BILLS

ELDERLY:

Income Groupings	Benefit Amount	# of Applicants
\$0-\$45,000	\$2,525	325
\$45,001-\$55,000	\$1,750	119
\$55,001-\$65,000	\$1,300	124
\$65,000-\$70,000	\$800	23
Misc*	Varies	87
Total Elderly Applicants		678

JULY 2015 BILLS

Income Groupings	Benefit Amount	# of Applicants	New Applicants
\$0-\$45,000	\$2,525	326	14
\$45,001-\$55,000	\$1,750	107	8
\$55,001-\$65,000	\$1,300	109	12
\$65,000-\$70,000	\$800	31	6
Misc	Varies	80	2
		653	42 = 695

*Misc. benefits are due to either the percentage of the property owned by the applicant or meeting the 25% minimum tax requirement.

DISABLED:

Income Groupings	Benefit Amount	# of Applicants
\$0-\$45,000	\$2,525	9
\$45,001-\$55,000	\$1,750	3
\$55,001-\$65,000	\$1,300	2
\$65,000-\$70,000	\$800	0
Misc*	Varies	2
Total Disabled Applicants		16

Income Groupings	Benefit Amount	# of Applicants	New Applicants
\$0-\$45,000	\$2,525	7	0
\$45,001-\$55,000	\$1,750	2	1
\$55,001-\$65,000	\$1,300	2	0
\$65,000-\$70,000	\$800	0	0
Misc	Varies	2	0
		13	1 = 14

*Misc. benefits are due to either the percentage of the property owned by the applicant or meeting the 25% minimum tax requirement. Applicants are moved from disabled to elderly when they reach 65 years of age.

There were 357 applicants who applied in 2014 and 223 reapplying in 2015. As of May 5, 2015 there are currently 80 applicants that must reapply (deadline = May 15th).

New Applicants Denied for 2015:

#	Reason
1	Property not in his name
3	Over income

Reapplied Applicants Denied for 2015:

#	Reason
1	Assessment over \$468,830
8	Over income

NEWTOWN - ELDERLY TAX CREDIT/EXEMPTION SAMPLE - 2014/15

ADDRESS	ASSESSMENT	TAX	CREDIT	STATE CREDIT	EXEMPTION	ACTUAL TAX	DISCOUNT
177 JULIA COURT	134,090	4,467	1,750		-	2,717	39%
16 FARRELL ROAD	248,300	8,271	1,663	250	3,000	6,258	24%
86 HUNTINGTOWN	215,560	7,180	1,300		1,000	5,847	19%
36 ELIZABETH CIRCLE	169,230	5,637	1,750			3,887	31%
128 TAUNTON HILL ROAD	150,030	4,997	2,525	500		1,972	61%
4 RED RIVER LANE	161,400	5,376	2,525	750		2,101	61%
10 LEOPARD DRIVE	232,580	7,747	2,525	250	30,260	3,964	49%
2 LEOPARD DRIVE	113,380	3,777	2,005	250	17,340	944	75%
5 COPPER DRIVE	193,660	6,451	1,300			5,151	20%
50 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE	177,390	5,909	1,750		4,000	4,026	32%
120 HALEY LANE	193,290	6,438	1,750	750		4,688	27%
55 POLE BRIDGE ROAD	168,080	5,599	2,525			2,324	58%
8 CAROL ANN DRIVE	164,690	5,486	2,525			2,961	46%
10 CURRY DRIVE	163,660	5,452	1,300		3,000	4,052	26%
16 SETTLERS LANE	227,200	7,568	1,300		3,000	6,168	18%
102 HALEY LANE	189,990	6,329	2,525			3,804	40%
28 POND BROOK ROAD	332,070	11,061	2,525	250	39,210	6,980	37%
30 QUEEN STREET	171,080	5,699	2,525			3,174	44%
142 LOUIS HILL ROAD	164,910	5,493	2,525			2,968	46%
14 SAINT GEORGE PLACE	135,280	4,506	2,525		16,530	1,431	68%
30 BRADLEY LANE	234,970	7,827	2,525	1,000	1,000	4,269	45%
123 LOUIS HILL ROAD	165,070	5,498	2,525		19,510	2,324	58%
23 BOGGS HILL RD	189,050	6,297	2,525			3,772	40%
21 SURREY TRAIL	205,740	6,853	2,525	500	26,570	2,943	57%
62 HOUSATONIC DR	325,010	10,826	2,525	1,000	38,500	6,019	44%
AVERAGE		160,744				94,743	41%

Not credit

AN AVERAGE DISCOUNT OF 41%

Data used in analysis was arrived at using two reports : (1) 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Report & (2) latest Newtown Registrars list of residents 65 and older.

Per United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census (Town of Newtown, CT)

Age Range	Population	Percent	Age Range	Population
Under 5 years	1,345	4.9	Under 20	8,099
5 to 9 years	2,182	7.9	20 to 34	2,817
10 to 14 years	2,589	9.4	35 to 49	7,086
15 to 19 years	1,983	7.2	50 to 64	6,049
20 to 24 years	1,050	3.8	65 and over	3,509
25 to 29 years	889	3.2		
30 to 34 years	878	3.2		
35 to 39 years	1,489	5.4		
40 to 44 years	2,521	9.1		
45 to 49 years	3,076	11.2		
50 to 54 years	2,545	9.2		
55 to 59 years	2,012	7.3		
60 to 64 years	1,492	5.4		
65 to 69 years	1,143	4.1		
70 to 74 years	770	2.8		
75 to 79 years	638	2.3		
80 to 84 years	507	1.8		
85 years and over	451	1.6		
Total population	27,560	100		
Median age (years)	42.9	(X)		

Data Used in Analysis:

	# seniors (a)	%	# sr households (b)
65 to 69 years	1,000	81.77%	818
70 to 74 years	1,143	81.77%	935
75 to 79 years	770	81.77%	630
80 to 84 years	638	81.77%	522
85 years and over	507	81.77%	415
	<u>4,058</u>		<u>3,318</u>

- Notes:
- 4,058 total equals registrar total (page 79).
 - The 4,058 total appears reasonable when compared to the 2010 U.S. Census data.
 - 3,318 number of senior households comes from a count from the registrars report.
 - 3,318 divided by 4,058 = 81.77%. Assumption is that each five year bracket has the same % of senior households to total seniors.

(a) Per 2010 census adjusted to 2015 registrar of voters report (data was shifted down one row - one row = five years)

(b) Total number of households was obtained by current registrar of voters report. Allocation to age groups was done by total percentage.

----- 2010 Census U.S. numbers were used. Five year brackets were shifted down to the next five year bracket to bring the data to 2015. 65 - 69 bracket number was a plug (making total = registrars total)

NAME	ST#	UNIT	STREET NAME	DOB	D/P	ASY	SEN	CON
Abbagliato Josephine	125	household examp	Louis Hill Road	/1928	002	106	028	005
Abbagliato Michael M	125		Louis Hill Road	/1927	002	106	028	005
Abbott Howard M	10		Marlin Road	/1936	003-02	112	028	005
Abdel Wahab Moustafa M	49		Sugar Street	/1939	003-01	106	028	005
Abordolo Gloria V	21	household examp	Taunton Ridge Road	/1932	001	106	028	005
Abordolo Mario D	21		Taunton Ridge Road	/1919	001	106	028	005
Abrahamowicz Reed Linda	8		Abbotts Hill Road	/1949	003-05	002	028	005
Abrie Rosemarie	49		Botstord Hill Road	/1948	003-02	112	028	005
Accashian Carmen	23		Greenbriar Lane	/1936	003-01	106	028	005
Adams Amelia A	6		Arrowhead Lane	/1936	003-02	112	028	005
Adams Cynthia H	10		Benjamin Drive	/1941	002	106	028	005
Adams Gordon Paul	14		Boggs Hill Road	/1946	003-01	106	028	005
*Adams Harold W	54		Nunnawank Meadows	/1929	002	106	028	005
Adams Jacqueline	10		Mt Pleasant Road	/1935	001	106	028	005
Adams John F	10		Benjamin Drive	/1939	002	106	028	005
Adams Kenneth M	6		Arrowhead Lane	/1932	003-02	112	028	005
Adams Mary Starr	1		Twist Hill Lane	/1933	001	106	028	005
Adams Mary Wernet	41		Elizabeth Circle	/1927	002	106	028	005
Adams Thomas M Sr	22		Little Brook Lane	/1946	002	106	028	005
Adams Shepherd Richard A	64		Main Street	/1949	002	106	028	005
Adinolfi Antoinette Marie	189	household examp	Julia Court	/1929	002	106	028	005
Adinolfi Paul F Sr	189		Julia Court	/1929	002	106	028	005
Adler Dennis R	33		Sugar Street	/1945	003-01	106	028	005
Adler Nada F	33		Sugar Street	/1949	003-01	106	028	005
Adler Renata	198		Hattertown Road	/1938	003-01	106	028	005
Ahmed Mir Ashrafuddin	1		Bungalow Terrace	/1939	002	106	028	005
Ainsworth Louise J	75		Great Ring Road	/1939	003-02	112	028	005
Ainsworth Richard L	75	household examp	Great Ring Road	/1936	003-02	112	028	005
Aitchison Marjorie F	8		Lake Road	/1932	001	106	028	005
Alagna Peter L	55		Head Of Meadow Road	/1945	003-01	106	028	005
Albanesi Edith C	3		Patricia Lane	/1944	001	106	028	005
Albanesi Joanne	14		Walkins Drive	/1941	002	106	028	005
Alberico Cosmo J	172		Julia Court	/1924	002	106	028	005
Alessi Santina	185		Masonic Care Of Newtown	/1924	003-02	112	028	005
Alex Robert H	185		Sugar Street	/1926	003-01	106	028	005
Alex Virginia J	8		Sugar Street	/1932	003-01	106	028	005
Alexander Marilyn L	6		Taunton Lake Drive	/1938	001	106	028	005
Ali Sawsan F	6		Abbotts Hill Road	/1942	003-05	002	028	005
Allaire Mary L	20		Indian Hill Lane	/1939	003-02	112	028	005
Allaire Richard H	20		Indian Hill Lane	/1934	003-02	112	028	005
Allen Dolores S	70		Mt Pleasant Road	/1932	001	106	028	005
Allen Florence E	130		Walnut Tree Hill Road	/1928	002	106	028	005
Allen Gunard C	6		Saddle Ridge Road	/1941	003-05	002	028	005
Allen Joan M	6		Saddle Ridge Road	/1946	002	002	028	005
Allen Paul E	70		Mt Pleasant Road	/1931	001	106	028	005
Allen O'donoghue Barbara J	43		Osborne Hill Road	/1946	002	106	028	005
Allmand Helen W	16		Nunnawank Meadows	/1935	002	106	028	005
Alpert May A	15		Middleton Road	/1947	001	106	028	005
Alte Charles R	15		Farm Meadow Road	/1946	003-05	002	028	005
Alte Elizabeth L	15		Farm Meadow Road	/1947	003-05	002	028	005
Altenhof Jody C	14		Twist Hill Lane	/1948	001	106	028	005
Alward Bernardine M	1231		Brookside Court	/1930	001	106	028	005

*** Household count using address and last name = 3,318

Request for Transcript of Tax Return

OMB No. 1545-1872

- ▶ Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.
- ▶ Request may be rejected if the form is incomplete or illegible.
- ▶ For more information about Form 4506-T, visit www.irs.gov/form4506t.

Tip. Use Form 4506-T to order a transcript or other return information free of charge. See the product list below. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Get a Tax Transcript..." under "Tools" or call 1-800-908-9946. If you need a copy of your return, use **Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return**. There is a fee to get a copy of your return.

1a Name shown on tax return. If a joint return, enter the name shown first.	1b First social security number on tax return, individual taxpayer identification number, or employer identification number (see instructions)
2a If a joint return, enter spouse's name shown on tax return.	2b Second social security number or individual taxpayer identification number if joint tax return
3 Current name, address (including apt., room, or suite no.), city, state, and ZIP code (see instructions)	
4 Previous address shown on the last return filed if different from line 3 (see instructions)	
5 If the transcript or tax information is to be mailed to a third party (such as a mortgage company), enter the third party's name, address, and telephone number.	

Caution: If the tax transcript is being mailed to a third party, ensure that you have filled in lines 6 through 9 before signing. Sign and date the form once you have filled in these lines. Completing these steps helps to protect your privacy. Once the IRS discloses your tax transcript to the third party listed on line 5, the IRS has no control over what the third party does with the information. If you would like to limit the third party's authority to disclose your transcript information, you can specify this limitation in your written agreement with the third party.

6 Transcript requested. Enter the tax form number here (1040, 1065, 1120, etc.) and check the appropriate box below. Enter only one tax form number per request. ▶ _____

- a Return Transcript**, which includes most of the line items of a tax return as filed with the IRS. A tax return transcript does not reflect changes made to the account after the return is processed. Transcripts are only available for the following returns: Form 1040 series, Form 1065, Form 1120, Form 1120-A, Form 1120-H, Form 1120-L, and Form 1120S. Return transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed during the prior 3 processing years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days
- b Account Transcript**, which contains information on the financial status of the account, such as payments made on the account, penalty assessments, and adjustments made by you or the IRS after the return was filed. Return information is limited to items such as tax liability and estimated tax payments. Account transcripts are available for most returns. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days
- c Record of Account**, which provides the most detailed information as it is a combination of the Return Transcript and the Account Transcript. Available for current year and 3 prior tax years. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days
- 7 Verification of Nonfiling**, which is proof from the IRS that you **did not** file a return for the year. Current year requests are only available after June 15th. There are no availability restrictions on prior year requests. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days
- 8 Form W-2, Form 1099 series, Form 1098 series, or Form 5498 series transcript.** The IRS can provide a transcript that includes data from these information returns. State or local information is not included with the Form W-2 information. The IRS may be able to provide this transcript information for up to 10 years. Information for the current year is generally not available until the year after it is filed with the IRS. For example, W-2 information for 2011, filed in 2012, will likely not be available from the IRS until 2013. If you need W-2 information for retirement purposes, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213. Most requests will be processed within 10 business days

Caution: If you need a copy of Form W-2 or Form 1099, you should first contact the payer. To get a copy of the Form W-2 or Form 1099 filed with your return, you must use Form 4506 and request a copy of your return, which includes all attachments.

9 Year or period requested. Enter the ending date of the year or period, using the mm/dd/yyyy format. If you are requesting more than four years or periods, you must attach another Form 4506-T. For requests relating to quarterly tax returns, such as Form 941, you must enter each quarter or tax period separately.

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Caution: Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Signature of taxpayer(s). I declare that I am either the taxpayer whose name is shown on line 1a or 2a, or a person authorized to obtain the tax information requested. If the request applies to a joint return, at least one spouse must sign. If signed by a corporate officer, 1 percent or more shareholder, partner, managing member, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, trustee, or party other than the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute Form 4506-T on behalf of the taxpayer. **Note:** For transcripts being sent to a third party, this form must be received within 120 days of the signature date.

Signatory attests that he/she has read the attestation clause and upon so reading declares that he/she has the authority to sign the Form 4506-T. See instructions.

Signature (see instructions)	Date
Title (if line 1a above is a corporation, partnership, estate, or trust)	
Spouse's signature	Date

Phone number of taxpayer on line 1a or 2a

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future Developments

For the latest information about Form 4506-T and its instructions, go to www.irs.gov/form4506t. Information about any recent developments affecting Form 4506-T (such as legislation enacted after we released it) will be posted on that page.

General Instructions

Caution: Do not sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.

Purpose of form. Use Form 4506-T to request tax return information. You can also designate (on line 5) a third party to receive the information. Taxpayers using a tax year beginning in one calendar year and ending in the following year (fiscal tax year) must file Form 4506-T to request a return transcript.

Note: If you are unsure of which type of transcript you need, request the Record of Account, as it provides the most detailed information.

Tip. Use Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, to request copies of tax returns.

Automated transcript request. You can quickly request transcripts by using our automated self-help service tools. Please visit us at IRS.gov and click on "Get a Tax Transcript..." under "Tools" or call 1-800-908-9946.

Where to file. Mail or fax Form 4506-T to the address below for the state you lived in, or the state your business was in, when that return was filed. There are two address charts: one for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2) and one for all other transcripts.

If you are requesting more than one transcript or other product and the chart below shows two different addresses, send your request to the address based on the address of your most recent return.

Chart for individual transcripts (Form 1040 series and Form W-2 and Form 1099)

If you filed an individual return and lived in:	Mail or fax to:
Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 6716 AUSC Austin, TX 73301 512-460-2272
Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 37106 Fresno, CA 93888 559-456-7227
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team Stop 6705 P-6 Kansas City, MO 64999 816-292-6102

Chart for all other transcripts

If you lived in or your business was in:	Mail or fax to:
Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, a foreign country, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or A.P.O. or F.P.O. address	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 9941 Mail Stop 6734 Ogden, UT 84409 801-620-6922
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin	Internal Revenue Service RAIVS Team P.O. Box 145500 Stop 2800 F Cincinnati, OH 45250 859-669-3592

Line 1b. Enter your employer identification number (EIN) if your request relates to a business return. Otherwise, enter the first social security number (SSN) or your individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) shown on the return. For example, if you are requesting Form 1040 that includes Schedule C (Form 1040), enter your SSN.


Line 3. Enter your current address. If you use a P.O. box, include it on this line.

Line 4. Enter the address shown on the last return filed if different from the address entered on line 3.

Note: If the addresses on lines 3 and 4 are different and you have not changed your address with the IRS, file Form 8822, Change of Address. For a business address, file Form 8822-B, Change of Address or Responsible Party — Business.

Line 6. Enter only one tax form number per request.

Signature and date. Form 4506-T must be signed and dated by the taxpayer listed on line 1a or 2a. If you completed line 5 requesting the information be sent to a third party, the IRS must receive Form 4506-T within 120 days of the date signed by the taxpayer or it will be rejected. Ensure that all applicable lines are completed before signing.

 **Caution:** You must check the box in the signature area to acknowledge you have the authority to sign and request the information. The form will not be processed and returned to you if the box is unchecked.

Individuals. Transcripts of jointly filed tax returns may be furnished to either spouse. Only one signature is required. Sign Form 4506-T exactly as your name appeared on the original return. If you changed your name, also sign your current name.

Corporations. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by: (1) an officer having legal authority to bind the corporation, (2) any person designated by the board of directors or other governing body, or (3) any officer or employee on written request by any principal officer and attested to by the secretary or other officer. A bona fide shareholder of record owning 1 percent or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation may submit a Form 4506-T but must provide documentation to support the requester's right to receive the information.

Partnerships. Generally, Form 4506-T can be signed by any person who was a member of the partnership during any part of the tax period requested on line 9.

All others. See section 6103(e) if the taxpayer has died, is insolvent, is a dissolved corporation, or if a trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, or administrator is acting for the taxpayer.

Note: If you are Heir at law, Next of kin, or Beneficiary you must be able to establish a material interest in the estate or trust.

Documentation. For entities other than individuals, you must attach the authorization document. For example, this could be the letter from the principal officer authorizing an employee of the corporation or the letters testamentary authorizing an individual to act for an estate.

Signature by a representative. A representative can sign Form 4506-T for a taxpayer only if the taxpayer has specifically delegated this authority to the representative on Form 2848, line 5. The representative must attach Form 2848 showing the delegation to Form 4506-T.

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to establish your right to gain access to the requested tax information under the Internal Revenue Code. We need this information to properly identify the tax information and respond to your request. You are not required to request any transcript; if you do request a transcript, sections 6103 and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information, including your SSN or EIN. If you do not provide this information, we may not be able to process your request. Providing false or fraudulent information may subject you to penalties.

Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation, and cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and possessions for use in administering their tax laws. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by section 6103.

The time needed to complete and file Form 4506-T will vary depending on individual circumstances. The estimated average time is: **Learning about the law or the form, 10 min.;** **Preparing the form, 12 min.;** and **Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS, 20 min.**

If you have comments concerning the accuracy of these time estimates or suggestions for making Form 4506-T simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. You can write to:

Internal Revenue Service
Tax Forms and Publications Division
1111 Constitution Ave. NW, IR-6526
Washington, DC 20224

Do not send the form to this address. Instead, see *Where to file* on this page.



Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>

Proposal

2 messages

Stephen Rosenblatt <stevedot213@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 11:39 AM

To: Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>

Cc: Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>

Ryan: I will not be attending the committee meeting tomorrow night. I wanted to make a comment during the public portion of the meeting.

What I wanted to say is this:

We appreciate the time and effort the Legislature and Ordinance Committee has given to discussing additional tax relief for senior homeowners in Newtown. We would hope the committee will expand its discussions and deliberations beyond relief within the current statute, as we seek any form of tax relief that the Legislature could make available. The proposed town and school budgets for 2016/17 will be seeking healthy increases, which I am sure will result in further taxation for all Newtown homeowners.

One form of relief for the senior homeowners 65+ would be to abate any tax increase resulting from these new budgets. As the saying goes, "A dollar saved is a dollar earned"

Is this approach possible, and within the time restraints you mentioned at the last meeting?

Steve Rosenblatt

Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>

Mon, Feb 8, 2016 at 7:53 PM

To: Stephen Rosenblatt <stevedot213@gmail.com>

Cc: Ryan Knapp <ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com>

Hi Steve,

Hi Steve,

The Committee can only act on the charge give to them by the Legislative Council. Any other tax relief would need to be considered in a new charge from the council . Knowing the legal process involved in creating and changing ordinances, I don't think it would be realistic for a new one to be passed before this budget cycle is completed, assuming there was support for it.

I would encourage you and other like minded folks to speak up about your concerns about the budget increase during the council budget meetings coming up in March.

Thank you for you email, we will keep you posted.

Mary Ann

[Quoted text hidden]



Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corps

P.O. BOX 344
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February 9, 2016

Via Email Only ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com

Mr. Ryan Knapp
Chairman, Legislative Council Ordinance Committee
Town of Newtown
Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Re: Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Underwater Rescue Tax Abatement

Dear Mr. Knapp:

I am Chief of the Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I have learned that your subcommittee has been given the charge of researching, and if warranted, drafting an ordinance to be presented to the entire Legislative Council regarding the tax abatement for our first responders.

In 1941, Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association was founded and is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Today, we have over 70 dedicated volunteer members of our Corps who are all state certified EMTs. Our volunteers are available to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to our serve our community when they are in their time of greatest need.

Some facts:

Number of Calls in 2015:	2,482
Number of Patients in 2015:	2,788

This is the highest it has been in many years for number of calls and number of patients. In 2014 the number of calls was 2,332 and the number of patients was 2,475. Every year since 2009 the number of calls have increased. The same applies to the number of patients except in 2010 it dipped slightly by 23 patients.

In 2015, we had 18 EMTs who made 100+ calls in 2015. Many of our Corps members have volunteered for 10+ years. In fact one of our members has volunteered for over 33 years. That is great dedication!

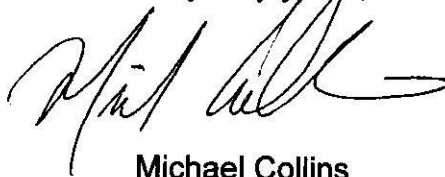
Mr. Ryan Knapp
Chairman, Legislative Council Ordinance Committee
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I am proud of our Corps and their commitment in serving the Town of Newtown.

I would respectfully request that in reviewing the tax abatement provided to the first responders of Newtown that you raise the amount of the abatement or keep it at the same.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Collins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Collins
Chief

/mco

- c: Ms. Judit DeStefano (via email @ juditnewtownlc@gmail.com)
Mr. Daniel Honan (via email @ danielhonan@gmail.com)
Mr. Christopher Eide (via email @ chriseide4newtown@gmail.com)
Mr. Neil Chaudhary (via email @ nkc@4newtown.com)
Ms. Mary Ann Jacob (via email @ mjacob4404@charter.net)



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February 9, 2016

Via Email Only ryan.w.knapp@gmail.com

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Dear Mr. Knapp:

Please let me introduce myself. I am the president of Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. I understand that your subcommittee has been given the charge of researching, and if warranted, drafting an ordinance to be presented to the entire Legislative Council regarding the tax abatement for our first responders.

We have over 70 dedicated volunteer members of our Corps who are all state certified Emergency Medical Technicians. Our EMTs continually train to meet state requirements and the high standards we have set for ourselves and the quality of care our community has come to expect.

Our call volume continues to increase, now at over 2,000 calls per year. The number of simultaneous calls is growing forcing us to staff multiple ambulances so we can respond during peak periods. Our EMTs are staffing the multiple calls.

In order for an EMT to qualify for a tax abatement, that EMT has to meet certain requirements which are: (a) be in good standing with the organization; (b) have logged at a minimum of 25 calls for the year and a minimum of 30 hours per month; and (c) have been a member for 3 years. Many of our EMTs take advantage of this benefit afforded to them for their service to our town. When reviewing the tax abatement for the ambulance volunteers, I would strongly urge you to keep the same abatement in place or increase the abatement amount, should you see fit.

Mr. Ryan Knapp
Chairman, Legislative Council Ordinance Committee
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I thank you, in advance, for your consideration and service to our town.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert S. Grossman, M.D." followed by a stylized flourish.

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