

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE
December 11, 2013

Attending: Rebecca MacGregor, Pat Nelson, Pauline deCesare, Steve Colella, and Anne Gilbert. Joan and Linwood Bradford sat in as potential new members of the committee. Julie Secord, COA Director, was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM.

Public Comment:

Don Bustin is hoping to include the Circuit Breaker match for seniors who have attained age 60.

Former State Representative John (Jack) Flood attended our meeting to discuss the background of the tax relief bill of 1987. This bill was proposed following Proposition 2 ½, at a time when taxes were being re-evaluated. House values were going up, but income for seniors was not. This bill was meant to help elderly middle class people stay in their homes. It was drafted for middle class incomes and assets at the time (not poverty level). Our committee discussed adjusting the statutory amounts of income and assets to bring them up to current middle class income and asset values. In addition our committee then discussed an index to automatically increase the limits when we write our proposal.

Minutes of the October 9th meeting of the committee were read and approved as written.

Julie and Rebecca will be submitting the annual report for our committee to the town for its town wide publication.

Pat Nelson informed us that she would be resigning from the committee at the end of the meeting after many years of service.

The next meeting of the committee will be February 12, 2014 at 8:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Gilbert
Clerk