

## **SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**August 14, 2013**

Attending: Steve Colella, Rebecca MacGregor, Pat Nelson, Pauline DiCesare, and Anne Gilbert. Also present was Julie Secord, COA Director. Newly resigned member: Bill Zellen

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

There was no public comment.

There are presently 9 members assigned to our committee which requires a quorum of 5 for any votes that need to be taken. We unanimously voted to request that the Board of Selectmen lower the number of members to 7 which would require a quorum of 4. We should have that done by our next meeting. Rebecca was also going to ask what the duties of the members are to the boards that we are assigned to represent.

We discussed the fliers for tax relief information that Don Bustin had presented at our last meeting. Julie will be meeting soon with Ellen Brideau, Director of Assessing, and will ask her to look at the fliers, add to the information, or correct them. We are hoping to get approval on the information on these fliers by October.

Steve Colella reported on the research that he had done about the tax relief laws, the changes that have been made to eligibility requirements for real estate tax relief, and the way the Circuit Breaker tax credit is adjusted annually by a cost of living factor. We will continue to work on a letter to our state representatives to ask that other tax relief be increased and then be adjusted annually.

The next meeting of the committee will be October 9 at 8:00AM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Gilbert  
Clerk