

**MINUTES OF THE
SENIOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE
CITY HALL
EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM
111 NORTH MAIN STREET
MARCH 18, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

ATTENDEES: Mike Aldieri, David Bujak, David Hartley, Paul Krell, Anthony Scotti,
Tom DeNoto, Tom Conlin

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Tom Conlin called the Monday, March 18, 2019 Senior Tax Relief Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #2 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Chairman**
- b. Vice Chairman**
- c. Secretary**

Michael Adieri **nominated** Dave Hartley as Vice Chairman. A motion was made and seconded. All in favor.

Tony Scotti **nominated** Paul Krell as Chairman. A motion was made and seconded. All in favor.

David Hartley **nominated** Tony Scotti as Secretary. A motion was made and seconded. All in favor.

ITEM #3 – OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review of C.G.S. Section 12-129n, and discussion regarding Senior Tax Relief proposals.**

Chairman Paul Krell typed up some talking points for the Committee to discuss. Among the topics discussed were:

1. Not reducing the existing program.
2. Compare: State law allows for a much larger amount which could be used for tax assistance.
3. Not penalizing because of blight issues.
4. Create a sliding scale as people get older (as to income and age).
5. No differential between couples and singles.

- 6. Consider residency requirements to qualify for the program.
- 7. Increase beyond \$250,000 suggested by Assessor.

A motion was made by **Michael Aldieri** that if you have a blight lien on your property, you don't qualify for the program.

Discussion was made on the motion that the City would be losing money and the Tax Collector would be looking for that payment in order to keep the mill rate low.

Amendment to Motion. Any portion of money beyond what the State pays would be used to fulfill the outstanding blight lien. (Basically, the City would be paying itself back.)

Roll Call Vote:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Scotti	Aldieri
	Krell	Hartley
		Bujak

Motion Failed.

Main motion: If you have a blight lien on your property, you do not qualify for the program.

Roll Call Vote:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Aldieri	Krell
	Hartley	
	Bujak	
	Scotti	

Motion passes.

A motion was made by David Hartley that we base program eligibility on household income and not to differentiate between single person or married household. All in favor. **Motion passes.**

The members discussed a fixed rate of income to qualify for the program but that would require changing the Ordinance if the Board of Finance is running out of money. It would make more sense to come up with a percentage rate of the Grand List that would get the amount of funding to 1 million inclusive of the State's program. Tom DeNoto stated that percentage would be .00017.

A motion was made by **David Hartley** and seconded by **Tony Scotti** that the money should be tied to a percentage of the Grand List. All in favor. Motion passes.

Ton Conlin passed out a memo from the State of Connecticut dated November 19, 2018 regarding Qualifying Income – Program Year 2018 for review.

ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS

The Committee also discussed income and age qualifications, and residency requirements which will add this to the next agenda for discussion.

Mr. Alderi asked about raising the personal income caps of program participants, this item is requested to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM #5 – COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ITEM #6 – ADJOURNMENT

IT was MOVED by Peter Krell and SECONDED by Michael Aldieri to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Paul Krell, Chairman
Senior Property Tax Relief Committee

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