

Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee
Durham, CT

Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2007

The Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee met at the Durham Public Library at 7:30pm on Monday, February 26, 2007.

Committee members present were: Charles Bogen, Ron Capozzi, Liz Conroy, Martin French, Lainey Melvin, Charles Mik and Carolyn Wallach.

Members absent were: Howard Kelley.

Also present: Ron Lehet.

Ron Capozzi called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. The agenda was approved unanimously. The minutes were approved with one abstention from Carolyn Wallach who was not present at the previous meeting.

Public Comment Dan Lehet reported to the committee that he visited several legislators in Hartford with Sen. Ed Meyers for the purpose of discussing the ideas he has proposed to the Tax Relief Committee about tax deferral programs for seniors.

Review draft proposal of tax freeze option The committee read through the draft of the Q & A booklet and ordinance for a proposed tax freeze plan for Durham. Further changes were discussed and will be incorporated into the draft proposals and emailed to committee members for further review before our next meeting on March 12.

Finalize details of tax deferral option The committee discussed in some depth the parameters of a tax deferral option for Durham. Our intention is that this program will be offered in conjunction with the freeze option so elderly and disabled taxpayers will have a choice. A draft of this proposal will be prepared based on the results of the meeting and emailed to the committee for review.

New Business Martin French and Charlie Bogen will prepare financial information regarding the potential cost of adopting these plans using 2004 census and other available data for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2007 at 7:30pm downstairs in the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Conroy
Secretary