

Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee  
Durham, CT

Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2007

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The Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee met at the Durham Public Library at 7:30pm on Monday, January 22, 2007.

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

Members absent were: Howard Kelley and Carolyn Wallach.

Also present: Ron Lehet.

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Ron Capozzi called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment was deferred to later in the meeting as necessary.

The group went through the Question and Answer booklet that describes the Guilford Tax Freeze program item by item and made changes that we felt were appropriate for Durham. The most significant change was to the table of income and residency requirements. Liz will try to obtain this document and the actual ordinance in Word file format and mark up the changes discussed for the next meeting.

The committee then talked about recommending a tax deferral option to go along with the tax freeze option. We agreed that we would finalize the details of a deferral program at our next meeting. Although this option has not been popular in other Connecticut communities we felt that it helps Seniors or disabled persons in need of major, immediate tax relief. Tax deferral typically pays for itself in about five years.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Conroy  
Secretary