

**Elderly Commission Special Meeting
September 29, 2004 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall Annex**

Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2004

Present: Claire Badstubner, H. Stuart Woodard, Cheryl Littlefield, Ruth Messetti, Elizabeth Burns, Municipal Agent, Linda Roberts, First Selectman, Carol Madore, Tax Assessor.

Absent: Mary Shefrin

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Linda Roberts, First Selectman.

The first order of business by Linda Roberts, First Selectman was to change the due date of the preliminary report to June 2005.

First Selectman Linda Roberts did a history of the request for an elderly tax relief program in East Windsor.

Linda then gave handouts on tax relief programs that are currently available through the State of Connecticut and also information from Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

Linda Roberts also spoke and distribute a handout which spoke to credit and deferral programs which had been instituted in other communities.

There was a discussion of the pros and cons of credit or deferral and the points to be considered which include age requirements, income, limitations, maximum credit interest if any, residency required limitations of program and administrative cost.

Claire Badstubner also had two articles regarding Somers and East Hartford and the fact that both communities were looking into tax credit or deferral for elderly.

Linda Roberts handed out a draft of Somers Plan for elderly tax relief.

Carol Madore has an elderly Tax relief plan from Vernon and she volunteered to contact East Hartford for their proposal to bring to the next commission meeting.

Linda Roberts would like the commission to hold two public hearings –one at the Town Hall and the second one at the Town Hall Annex.

Carol Madore suggested in the Spring possible May or June 2005.

Linda Roberts strongly suggested using qualifying income for elderly with a possible % increment.

Carol Madore discussed State credit and Local credit and where it shows the difference on the property tax bill.

Linda Roberts also advised the Elderly Commission that State Statute states that one can not exceed a certain percentage of the operating budget.

Claire Badstubner questioned whether the membership on the Elderly Commission could be increased per Linda Roberts it would need to be a charter revision so the answer currently is no.

The next discussion involved the chairmanship of the Elderly Commission.

Cheryl Littlefield, Claire Badstubner and H. Stuart Woodard felt they were unable to make a commitment to the chairmanship. Ruth Messetti after the time commitment discussion graciously accepted the chairmanship.

A discussion transpired regarding having a recording secretary for the meeting. It was felt by the group that this was important and there is a small budget that would assist in paying someone to perform this service. Ruth Messetti indicated she would follow up on this issue.

H. Stuart Woodard will ask John Parda to attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Burns
Acting Secretary

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