



TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program & Taxation Aid Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING – Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting called to order by the Chairperson, Bob Hamel at 3:05PM, at Lunenburg Town Hall, 17 Main St.

Members present: Bob Hamel, Sue Doherty, Nancy Forest, Myleen Mallari.

Not present: Sheila Craigen

Guests: Heather Lemeiux, Town Manager & Phyllis Luck, Board of Selectmen

MINUTES APPROVAL Motion was made and seconded to approve February 12, 2019 meeting minutes. All approved, motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Review and approve 2019 applications: No applications were received for review

2. Allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide services to the town for the Tax Work Off program: Ms. Lemeiux stated that she had contacted another municipality, West Tisbury Massachusetts, regarding their policy on this subject. They were unable to give her a definitive answer on how the application process works to permit an approved representative to participate for those physically unable to do so. After discussion the board decided to table this for another meeting until more information can be gathered.

3. Abatement/Hourly wage limit: Mrs. Luck questioned the possibility of raising the senior property tax work-off abatement from \$1,000 to the State allowed abatement of \$1,500 along with raising the wage from \$10 to \$12 per hour. She also inquired about raising income eligibility which currently stands at \$40,000- one person household and \$60,000 - two person household.

Discussion ensued among the board and a motion was made and seconded to make a recommendation to the Assessor's office and to the Board of Selectmen that the property tax work-off abatement be increased to \$1500 with the hourly wage increasing to \$12 per hour, and income eligibility be raised to \$50,000 – one person household and \$75,000- 2 person household. All approved, motion carried.

Mr. Hamel will contact the Assessor's office to be placed on their agenda for the next meeting.

4. Set date for next meeting: Date for next meeting will be determined after meeting with the Assessors and Board of Selectmen.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All approved, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Doherty

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