

TOWN OF LUNENBURG

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



MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 1, 2019

Meeting called to order by Bob Hamel at 1:05 pm, at Eagle House Senior Center, 25 Memorial Drive. Members present: Nancy Forest, Sheila Craigen, Bob Hamel, Sue Doherty and Myleen Mallari.

Approval of March 27, 2019 minutes motioned by Nancy and seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- 1) **Review and approve 2019 applications:** No new applications were received.
- 2) **Discussion: Changes to Tax Work Off Program Criteria:** Members reviewed the recent memo from the Board of Selectmen. The hourly wage increase from \$10 to \$12 per hour was approved. The abatement increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500 was also approved. The change in the program will allow workers 125 hours @ \$12 per hour for the maximum abatement amount of \$1500. After much discussion, members agree we should offer this increase to current, approved applicants. Applicants will have the choice to stop at \$1000 or go up to \$1500 for FY20. Applicants need not reapply if they choose the increase for this year. This increase will be mandatory for FY21. Bob will contact department heads to discuss.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS: None

BOARD COMMENT: Some discussion on allowing volunteers to do the work for disabled applicants. Members agree this needs further research.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheila Craigen

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