

Minutes Senior Tax Relief  
January 24, 2017

7:30

Sullivan's hall

Attendees: Cindy Perham  
Jill Vergara  
Mark McDermott  
Hank  
Alex Durrell

Absent: Carol Way

Meeting  
Call to order

Table minutes  
Get copy of ordinance

Mailing to seniors. No tax assessor. No budget to do mailing. Can tap into excess funds sent to general funds? No response from Bob Mayer to date. If deadline is February 2 - May 13 for application, should the deadline be extended? No. sufficient. With tax assessor absent, how do you contact for information. Gerry Stuhlman - Budget number is a "lost revenue" number and not an expense number. 2 ½ percent of previous year tax leveed. Gerry Stuhlman will forward an email. Palma Senator why isn't it a line item and instead statement of lost revenue? John Wynn, Harbor Road. Use mail, email, churches, outreach. Website - application is not accessible on website. Add to town website. Jill Vergara will contact Kathleen Griffin to add the application to website. Will sending an application through the mail be wasteful? Number of people - Failure to refile was 31 in 2016. 12,000 total people in the age area. No interest in tax relief for renters. Jill Vergara - not a good year to change things we have no tax assessor. Time is imminent for 2017 so time to achieve this is not available. Gerry Stuhlman - "use of technology - to expand categories of income - increased stratification - allows for more flexibility in loss or gain. Inspect ordinance and make changes to make sure it can be made easy to apply. Increase transparency. Should be expense item? \$53,000 income to qualify for freeze. Only good for 6 years and then you need to move to other option. Herb Blanchaller, Spruce Street. Asks about application and if a member of committee would be involved in hiring new assessor

Mission statement: work on it prior to next meeting.

Sid Bernbaum - about deferral. 81 retired teacher. Asks about tax relief.

Motion to adjourn - Alex Durell. Seconded: Jill Vergara. Adjourned.

