

**Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee Meeting
Minutes for June 20, 2013**

Present: Bill Domeika, Tom McCarthy, Marc Patten, Sheila Marmion, and Carol Way

Absent: Eric Newman

Guests: Donald Ross, Town Tax Assessor and Cinda Buchter, Town Tax Collector

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom McCarthy at 7p.m. The evening began with the pledge of allegiance.

II. Evening's Business: Discussion of reintroduction of the enhanced tax deferral option which had been pulled from the committee's recommendation at the end of 2012 over concerns of collectability of deferrals greater than 15 years in duration.

Tom McCarthy stated that although the deferral program would be self funding in the long run it needed to be approached in much the same way as the credit program for the short term. He suggested possibly treating it as a "pilot program" so as to manage its financial impact.

Don Ross noted that the financial impact of the new credit program was less dramatic than initially predicted due to attrition (which the financial model had not taken into consideration). He stated that he could not estimate the impact of an expanded deferral with any degree of certainty, and expressed concern about exceeding the program limit and triggering prorating. Cinda Bucher stated that the process issues associated with the filing of liens were in fact more troubling than initially understood; however, she had implemented new controls to insure proper filing going forward and assured the group that in spite of process issues the tax was still due and collectable.

The group discussed how to best to frame the program to insure it could be well managed.

Carol Way motioned to reintroduce the enhanced deferral program as crafted by the committee in 2012 but with a \$500K ceiling. The motion was seconded by Shiela Marmion and unanimously approved. Tom McCarthy took it as a "to do" to model the short term financial for the next meeting.

III. Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Domika for Carol Way

