

Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee of the RTM

Regular Meeting

7:30 pm March 20, 2024

In Attendance:

Rep. Sharon Pistilli - Chairperson

Rep. Chris Shea - Recording Secretary

Rep. Dave Rock – Vice Chair

Rep. Mark McDermott

Rep. Christine Ludwiczak

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Chairperson Pistilli

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Approve February 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes as written: McDermott, 2 nd Rock. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Pistilli presented the previous Agenda and Minutes of the 8/30/2023 and 10/25/2023 RTM SDTR Committee Meetings and discussed the old business from the previous meetings.

1. There was discussion about the previous meeting notes to develop a charge for the Committee going forward.

2. We were also presented with a list of Tax Deferral Programs for 16 other Towns in CT which was prepared by the previous SDTR RTM Committee.

3. We reviewed and discussed the information presented.

4. We reviewed and discussed the Tax credit and Deferral programs.

5. We were all in agreement that the minimum age of 75 for Fairfield is an outlier and it should be changed to 65 to align with other Towns.

6. Chairperson Pistilli will prepare a spreadsheet with questions to input data regarding other towns' programs, and the Committee will contact these other towns to confirm and obtain additional information.

7. Chairperson Pistilli will reach out to Ross Murray and request he provide data on the current program for our analysis.

8. Chairperson Pistilli will reach out to Jill Vergara to obtain some proposed 2019 credit program information.

9. Rep. Ludwiczak asked about options for Veterans with respect to deferrals and tax credits from the Town. Presently Veterans are not included in this program, however there is a separate Veteran's program. We will review this in more detail at our next meeting.

Issue of Appeals process was discussed from previous minutes. Presently The official who determines whether an applicant is eligible is also the same official who would hear the appeal. The committee felt this might be better handle by an independent body. Chairperson Pistilli will review this and obtain clarification from the Town Attorney.

Representative McDermott made a motion to adjourn, 2 nd by Ludwiczak. The meeting

adjourned at 8:41pm

Respectfully submitted by Christopher Shea, Secretary