

**RTM Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee Meeting**  
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**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference room, Old Town Hall**  
**611 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT**  
**Via Webex and in person**

The regular meeting of the RTM Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee was held via Webex and in the conference room on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 611 Old Post Road on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm in Fairfield, Connecticut.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 7:28 PM  
In attendance: Rep. Cindy Perham (Committee Chair), Rep. Jill Vergara (Committee Vice-Chair), Rep. Mark McDermott, Rep. Hannah Gale (Committee Secretary). Ross Murray, Tax Assessor for Town of Fairfield present on Zoom, Member of the public present in person: Deidre Campbell, 541 Judd St, Fairfield CT 06824.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approved of Minutes of August 30, 2023, Regular Meeting was unanimous.
4. BOF/RTM task force, Will it be formed?  
Report by Reps. Perham and Vergara: There was no quorum at recent BOF meeting so item was not added to BOF agenda for next month.
5. Review the findings of the 16-town review on Deferment requirements/specifics for relevant information:  
Discussion: Fairfield is outlier in terms of age requirement. Suggest lowering age to 65 from 75 by unanimous agreement. Will allow for situations like illnesses and town will be reimbursed upon sale of home.
6. Update on the Following:  
Our recommendation for BOF/RTM task force:  
The current language in the Fairfield Town Charter does contain a provision for a special RTM review committee with the intention that this committee review the Code on a regular basis.  
The RTM is the body closest to the public and therefore has a certain obligation to represent the public need as economic circumstances shift with the passing of time.

Code as written:

**§ 95-15.4RTM Review Committee.**

[Amended 2-23-2015; 5-29-2018]

At its first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2020, the Representative Town Meeting shall convene a special committee to review Article III of Chapter 95, Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners.

As the Charter has language for RTM review, it only makes sense that RTM members be present on a joint committee, or at least make recommendations to BOF. Rep.

Vergara stated that the intention of the language that was approved for the Charter was for regular review of the statutes upon the swearing in of each new RTM.

7. Review the findings of the 16-town deferral of tax info from Ordinances (Rep McDermott, Rep. Perham, and Rep. Vergara)

Review was completed and will be submitted with recommendation to BOF sub committee.

8. Update on the following:

Appeals Process for one-time exemptions –

Rep. Vergara feels that it is essential that there be an Appeals process. Discussion ensued as to whom might be the appropriate party to address appeal to, if it is a given that it needs to be someone other than the Assessor. No consensus was formed on this.

9. Adjourn 8:15 pm

Submitted October 26, 2023

Hannah Gale, Secretary