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Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Sub-Committee
REGULAR MEETING - January 5, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairman John Hampton called the regular meeting of the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Sub-Committee to order at 6:30 P. M. in the North Conference Room at Eno Hall. The following members were also present: Co-Chairman Moira Wertheimer, BOF member Barbara Petitjean, Senior Center representative Mona Martinik, and Aging and Disability Commission representative Arlene Zapile. Also present were Selectmen Nancy Haase and Sean Askham, Town Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo; and other interested parties.

II. DISCUSSION

Co-chairs distributed educational material packets, provided by the 1st Selectman's office, to Sub-Committee members.

Discussion ensued between members regarding goals of the Sub-Committee.

Attorney DeCrescenzo clarified that the C.G.S. 129(n)'s 60 day time limit for completing a tax relief recommendation did not apply to the Sub-Committee because Simsbury already has an established tax relief program, and the statute's time limit does not apply in those situations. Attorney DeCrescenzo also clarified for members, the process for recommending an amendment to Simsbury's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program. Specifically, Mr. DeCrescenzo stated that the Sub-committee's recommendation, if any, is made to the BOF, not to the BOS.

Sub-Committee members requested Mr. DeCrescenzo attend the next meeting in order to advise on the various types of tax relief possibilities, as well as answer questions raised at this meeting regarding information distributed at the start of the meeting.

Members expressed interest in holding public hearings in the future, as

well as holding a joint meeting with the BOF. In addition, members agreed that there needs to be an effort to educate potential applicants regarding tax relief programs.

Ms. Petitjean suggested that the BOS expand the Sub-Committee to include an additional member of the BOF.

Members agreed to meet next Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., and asked that Simsbury Tax Assessor, David Gardner be invited to the meeting, along with Mr. DeCrecenzo.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Ms. Petitjean, seconded by Ms. Martinik. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Moira Wertheimer, Simsbury Selectman, Co-Chair