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Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Sub-Committee  
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REGULAR MEETING - January 12, 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 6:00 P. M. in the North Conference Room at Eno Hall. The following members were also present: Selectman Sean Askham( sitting in for )Co-Chairman Moira Wertheimer, BOF members Paul Henault and Barbara Petitjean, Senior Center representative Mona Martinik, and Aging and Disability Commission representative Ed LaMontagne and Arlene Zapile. Also present Town Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo, Town Assessor David Gardner; and other interested parties.

II. Introduction of guests/presenters

Co-Chairs introduced all members of the committee, town staff and members of the public

III. Discussion, presentations(which included members of the public)

Attorney DeCrescenzo handed out a presentation of the various options for tax relief based on State Statue. He briefly described the history and the timelines for each of the options and included his thoughts on which options might be available to Simsbury. He went on to follow up on a concern from the prior meeting. Attorney DeCrescenzo indicated there is an FOIA exemption for tax returns submitted to the town for use in the current senior tax relief program.

Ms Petitjean asked what options statue 12-129n allowed for. Attorney DeCrescenzo indicated that 12-129n was most likely the best statue to change Simsbury current program under and provided adequate flexibility.

Several commission members asked about mitigating potential misuse of both the current and future programs. Town Assessor Gardner was comfortable with the current tax return controls in place.

All committee members agreed that no matter what changes were made to the current program, education about the current is something that must be addressed.

Town Assessor Gardner presented data on the participation in the current program and the impact on the Towns revenues.

The committee members agreed that at the next meeting Attorney DeCrescenzo will circulate information on veterans programs and present these options. Additionally, the committee agreed that Town Assessor Gardner will put together data on the average 5 year tax increase for the current program to help put the impact of changes into perspective.

#### IV. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 5, 2012 made by Mr Askham, Seconded by Mr. LaMontagne. Approved by all

#### V. Establish upcoming meeting dates

The committee members all agreed that Thursday January 19, 2012 at 6:00pm would be the next meeting date and time and Selectman Hampton would secure the room.

#### VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. LaMontagne, seconded by Mr. Askham, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Askham, Simsbury Selectman