

TOWN COUNCIL
Town of Trumbull
CONNECTICUT
www.trumbull-ct.gov

TOWN HALL
Trumbull

TELEPHONE
(203) 452-5005



LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2015
POSTPONED TO JANUARY 29, 2015
(DUE TO IMPENDING STORM)
AGENDA

Suzanne Testani, Chairman
50 Cranbury Drive
Trumbull, CT 06611

Enrico Constantini, Vice Chairman
5 Barry Place
Trumbull, CT 06611

Joseph Pifko
158 Plymouth Avenue
Trumbull, CT 06611

Edna Colucci
39 Kingsbury Drive
Trumbull, CT 06611

Patrick Helfrich
23 Evelyn Street
Trumbull, CT 06611

Daniel Marconi
40 Brookhedge Road
Trumbull, CT 06611

Ken Martin, Sr., Alternate
1676 Huntington Turnpike
Trumbull, CT 06611

Mary Beth Thornton, Alternate
24 Cherry Gate Lane
Trumbull, CT 06611

NOTICE is hereby given that the Legislation & Administration Committee of the Trumbull Town Council will hold a regular meeting ~~Monday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.~~ **Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.** at the Trumbull Town Hall, for the following purpose(s):

1. RESOLUTION TC25-150: To consider act upon a resolution which would reduce the membership of the Trumbull Nature Commission from nine (9) members to five (5).
2. RESOLUTION TC25-152: To consider and act upon a resolution which would amend Chapter 18 Taxation of the Trumbull Municipal Code to include Article VI, Senior Volunteer Tax Abatement.

3. RESOLUTION TC25-153: To consider and act upon a resolution which would form the Senior/Community Center & Library Building Committee to plan and oversee the Senior/Community Center & Library project and its related activities.
4. RESOLUTION TC25-154: To consider and act upon a resolution which would appoint Joseph Pifko of 158 Plymouth Avenue as the Town Council representative, Daniel Marconi of 40 Brookhedge Road as the Town Council representative, and Rachel Yawhak of 25 Skytop Drive, Anthony Timpanelli of 5 Wildfire Lane, Richard Seaman of 77 Garwood Road, Jeanine Stouder of 470 Daniels Farm Road as members of the Senior/Community Center & Library Building Committee.
5. RESOLUTION TC25-158: To consider and act upon a resolution which would authorize the Town attorney to settle a worker's compensation claim known as Trudi Black v. the Town of Trumbull.

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION TC25-150: BE IT RESOLVED and ORDAINED, That the membership of the Trumbull Nature Commission is hereby reduced from nine (9) members to five (5).
(Public Hearing)
2. RESOLUTION TC25-153: BE IT RESOLVED and ORDAINED, That Chapter 18 Taxation of the Trumbull Municipal Code is hereby amended to include Article VI, Senior Volunteer Tax Abatement. *(Full Ordinance Attached) (Public Hearing)*
3. RESOLUTION TC25-153: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senior/Community Center & Library Building Committee is hereby formed to plan and oversee the Senior/Community Center & Library project and its related activities and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership shall consist of two (2) Town Council representatives and four (4) residents of the Town of Trumbull.
4. RESOLUTION TC25-154: BE IT RESOLVED, That Joseph Pifko of 158 Plymouth Avenue and Daniel Marconi of 40 Brookhedge Road, be and the same are hereby appointed Town Council representatives of the Senior/Community Center & Library Building Committee, and Rachel Yawhak of 25 Skytop Drive, Anthony Timpanelli of 5 Wildfire Lane, Richard Seaman of 77 Garwood Road, Jeanine Stouder of 470 Daniels Farm Road, be and the same are hereby appointed members of the Senior/Community Center & Library Building Committee.
5. RESOLUTION TC25-158: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a worker's compensation claim known as Trudi Black v. the Town of Trumbull.

Sec. _____ - Senior volunteer tax relief.

(a) *Purpose.* In order to promote the goals of scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull by drawing on the skills, knowledge and experience of its senior citizens, the town hereby establishes a program of tax relief for qualifying seniors who choose to give their time, talent and energy by volunteering to provide services to such entities.

(b) *Qualifications and benefits.* Beginning with the grand list year of 2015, qualifying senior citizens who volunteer to provide one hundred (100) hours of services to scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull, which entities own property exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be eligible for a tax credit upon his or her real estate taxes in accordance with the provisions hereof. In order to qualify for the benefits of this senior volunteer tax relief program, residents (i) at the close of the preceding calendar year must be sixty-five years of age and over, or whose spouse, living with them, are sixty-five years of age or over, or sixty years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer qualified in such municipality under this section at the time of his or her death, or with respect to real property on which such resident or their spouse are liable for taxes under section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes, (ii) must volunteer the requisite hours of service as set forth in this subsection (b), (iii) own real property in the Town of Trumbull or be liable for the payment of taxes thereon pursuant to Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes and (iv) must occupy the real property in the Town of Trumbull as a principal residence. Each qualifying taxpayer, but no more than two qualifying taxpayers per household, who participate in this program and shall have reached the minimum requirement of one hundred (100) hours of service as set forth herein shall be entitled to a tax credit of a fixed amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), provided that said taxpayer satisfies the conditions of subsection (c). Qualifying taxpayers must reach the specific number of hours as set forth herein per calendar year to be eligible for the respective tax credits. No partial tax credit will be given if the qualifying taxpayer does not reach the minimum requirement of one hundred (100) hours of service.

(c) *Program implementation.* The Tax Assessor, or its designee, shall be responsible for administration of the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program. The Assessor shall prepare a list of approved scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable, and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull for which qualifying taxpayers may choose to volunteer. The Tax Assessor will provide standards for program eligibility, verification documents, and applications for the tax credit. Services provided by qualified senior volunteers shall be validated solely by the entities for which they work. A record of hours of service performed by each shall be submitted to the Assessor, no later than December 31st of each calendar year.

(d) *Disqualification.* Any such property tax relief granted to any such resident shall not disqualify such resident with respect to any benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under the provisions of C.G.S. 12-129b to 12-129d, inclusive, and 12-170aa, and any such property tax relief provided under this section shall be in addition to any such benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under said sections. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resident is ineligible to apply for this program (i) if at the time of such application, the resident is delinquent in any taxes owed to the Town of Trumbull and (ii) for any

grand list year that such resident is also receiving benefits pursuant to the Town's Senior Tax Deferral Relief Program. For the purposes of this program, the hours spent by a resident as an elected or appointed town or government officials, volunteer firefighters or emergency service personnel shall not be included in the determination of total number of requisite hours volunteered by the resident.

(e) *Termination.* This program may be terminated by the Town at any time with or without cause in the event it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest to do so.

Sec. _____. - Senior volunteer tax relief.

(a) *Purpose.* In order to promote the goals of scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull by drawing on the skills, knowledge and experience of its senior citizens, the town hereby establishes a program of tax relief for qualifying seniors who choose to give their time, talent and energy by volunteering to provide services to such entities.

(b) *Qualifications and benefits.* Beginning with the grand list year of 2015, qualifying senior citizens who volunteer to provide one hundred (100) hours or (200) hours, as the case may be, of services to scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull, which entities own property exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be eligible for a tax credit upon his or her real estate taxes in accordance with the provisions hereof. In order to qualify for the benefits of this senior volunteer tax relief program, residents (i) at the close of the preceding calendar year must be sixty-five years of age and over, or whose spouse, living with them, are sixty-five years of age or over, or sixty years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer qualified in such municipality under this section at the time of his or her death, (ii) must volunteer the requisite hours of service as set forth in this subsection (b), (iii) own real property in the Town of Trumbull or be liable for the payment of taxes thereon pursuant to Section 12-48 of the Connecticut General Statutes and (iv) must occupy the real property in the Town of Trumbull as a principal residence. Each qualifying taxpayer, but no more than two qualifying taxpayers per household, who (i) participate in this program and (ii) have reached the minimum requirement of one hundred (100) hours of service as set forth herein, shall be entitled to a tax credit of a fixed amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per taxpayer, provided that said taxpayers satisfy the conditions of subsection (c). Each qualifying taxpayer, but no more than one qualifying taxpayer per household, who (i) participates in this program; and (ii) has reached the minimum requirement of two hundred (200) hours of service as set forth herein, shall be entitled to a tax credit of a fixed amount of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per taxpayer, provided that said taxpayer satisfies the conditions of subsection (c). No household shall receive a tax credit pursuant to this Section in excess of twelve hundred (\$1,200.00) per year. Qualifying taxpayers must reach the specific number of hours as set forth herein per calendar year to be eligible for the respective tax credits. No partial tax credit will be given if the qualifying taxpayer does not reach the minimum requirement of ~~one hundred (100)~~ hours of service.

(c) *Program implementation.* The Tax Assessor, or its designee, shall be responsible for administration of the Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program. The Assessor shall prepare a list of approved scientific, educational, literary, historical, governmental, charitable, and non-profit entities located in the Town of Trumbull for which qualifying taxpayers may choose to volunteer. The Tax Assessor will provide standards for program eligibility, verification documents, and applications for the tax credit. Services provided by qualified senior volunteers shall be validated solely by the entities for which they work. A record of hours of service performed by each shall be submitted to the Assessor, no later than December 31st of each calendar year.

(d) *Disqualification.* Any such property tax relief granted to any such resident shall not disqualify such

resident with respect to any benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under the provisions of C.G.S. 12-129b to 12-129d, inclusive, and 12-170aa, and any such property tax relief provided under this section shall be in addition to any such benefits for which such resident shall be eligible under said sections. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a resident is ineligible to apply for this program (i) if at the time of such application, the resident is delinquent in any taxes owed to the Town of Trumbull and (ii) for any grand list year that such resident is also receiving benefits pursuant to the Town's Senior Tax Deferral Relief Program. For the purposes of this program, the hours spent by a resident as an elected or appointed town or government official~~s~~,~~—~~volunteer firefighter~~s~~,~~s~~ or emergency service personnel~~s~~, shall not be included in the determination of total number of requisite hours volunteered by the resident, nor shall any resident employed by the Town be eligible to accrue volunteer hours by providing services to any department or entity of the Town.

(e) *Termination.* This program may be terminated by the Town at any time in the event it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest to do so.