

SENIOR VOLUNTEER TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2015
9:00 AM – LONG HILL ROOM

Present: Lynn Arnow, Dee Chiota, Maureen Gordon, Sylvia Askinazi, Paul Niebuhr
Absent: Victor Pioli, Gail Hanna

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am.

Review of Agendas & Minutes

The Committee reviewed agendas and minutes from the previous meetings held. There was a vote which unanimously carried to delete Brookfield from the March 19, 2015 minutes. There was a vote which unanimously carried to take out Paul Niebuhr's name out of the members present section as well as correcting the statement under Volunteer Opportunities, omitting everything after "It was noted that volunteering at the BOE was not part of the proposed ordinance" from the March 24, 2015 minutes. There was a vote which unanimously carried to take out Paul Niebuhr's name out of the members present section of the March 31, 2015 minutes.

Review Draft "Recommendation Report"

The Committee reviewed the Draft as well as Draft 2 of the Recommendation Report. There was a unanimous vote that carried deleting Brookfield off page 2 of Draft 2. There was a unanimous vote that carried to add the word "proposed" under recommendation #1 and recommendation #2 under the application process bullet on page 3 of Draft 2 of the Recommendation Report. There was a unanimous vote that carried to change the wording to "applicant, and their" under recommendation #1 and Recommendation #2 under the application process bullet on page 3 of Draft 2 of the Recommendation Report. It was decided that Town sponsored events and Town related 501 c groups would be taken out under recommendation #1 and recommendation #2 as well as the table under facts. Ms. Askinazi read the suggested changes that the Board of Finance gave to the Committee. The changes were made and will be submitted to the Board of Finance.

New Business

The Commission discussed the proposed start date of July 1, 2015 which should be on track. Mrs. Askinazi has made an application form that can be used. The Commission talked about how they would market the program and suggested different ways of getting the information out to the community. They still would like to meet with Betty from Danbury about their program.

The question was raised if seniors who are already volunteering get to be part of the first come first serve. It was mentioned that some Commission members are already doing some of what the volunteers do for example setting up for parties.

There was a brief discussion of what some of the volunteering positions could be and which department will be the one who will be authorizing the volunteer position for the tax credit whether it be the Tax

Assesor or the First Selectmans office. This year will be a pilot and then place restrictions on it the following year.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am. Motion made by Mr. Niebuhr and seconded by Mrs. Askinazi.

Respectfully submitted,
Alicia Altobelli