

SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE
May 9, 2023

Attending: Joan Bradford, Markey Burke, Joel Rosenhaus, Susan Rufo, Anne Gilbert, and Julie Secord (COA Director).

Absent: Pauline DiCesare.

Markey Burke called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting of the committee were approved as written. There was no public comment.

We again were told that everyone on the committee must have a town email. There are a couple of people not yet using the town email who were told to contact the town IT department for help.

There are three people on our committee who are up for renewal in June – Markey Burke (Select Committee), Joel Rosenhaus (Select Committee), and Joan Bradford (COA). Markey and Joel plan to leave the committee. Joan has agreed to stay on the committee. We then discussed whether the committee should keep going. It was formed by the Select Committee in 1998 and would have to be closed by them if they choose to do so.

Joan and Linwood Bradford represented our committee when the MCOA activated a group for towns who sent representatives to stay informed about what MCOA was working on with the state legislature. There have not been any meetings of that group for several years. Julie Secord said she would find out whether that group is still functioning.

We discussed the state tax deferral program for seniors. We need clarification on where that program stands which Susan Rufo will look into. Susan told us that the state legislature has voted to increase the Circuit Breaker amount from \$1200.00 to \$2400.00 per year for those seniors who qualify. If the state revenue is insufficient to cover that large increase, the amount may be changed. It will take time to find out whether this will stay in the budget.

The next meeting of our committee will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned by Markey at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gilbert
Clerk