

## **SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**June 21, 2023**

Attending: Markey Burke, Joel Rosenhaus, Joan Bradford, Susan Rufo, Anne Gilbert, Julie Secord (COA Director), and Carol Martin (liaison from the Select Board).

Absent: Pauline DiCesare.

The meeting was called to order by Markey Burke at 10:00 AM. Minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting of the committee were approved as written. Valrie Rose-Thompson introduced herself as an observer of our meeting and said she would make a public comment if she had something to ask or say.

We discussed the make-up of our committee and questioned whether we should change the size. We decided to keep the size at 7 members requiring a quorum of 4 since Markey Burke and Joel Rosenhaus decided to stay on the committee. We reaffirmed that our goal is to inform Wayland seniors of any tax programs that are available and to know if/when new programs come up that we need to consider. Susan Rufo is aware that there are some programs being considered at the state level which she will keep us informed about. We further decided that if we meet quarterly that would be sufficient. We voted to adopt that plan for our meetings.

Valrie asked about the qualifications needed for seniors to take advantage of the available tax relief benefits. We told her that the benefits are dependent on income and assets. She asked if there would be a way to let more seniors know of these benefits and programs by sending out information to all Wayland senior residents who might follow up to see if they qualify. That is something that we should discuss at a future meeting.

We held an election for officers of the committee and voted Susan Rufo as Chair, Joel Rosenhaus as Vice Chair, and Anne Gilbert as Clerk.

The next meeting of the committee will be October 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was adjourned by Markey Burke at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gilbert  
(Clerk)