



TOWN OF LUNENBURG

Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program & Taxation Aid Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Meeting called to order by Sue Doherty at 2:00PM, at Lunenburg Town Hall, 17 Main St.

Members present: Sue Doherty, Nancy Forest, & Myleen Mallari.

Not present: Sheila Craigan

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting. All approved, motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. Discussion criteria for 2017 applications and programs: Members discussed the proposed 2017 Property Tax Work-Off application criteria and agreed that before the applications are made public, Ms. Doherty will check with tax professionals to ensure that the criteria is correct. Applications should be available to the public on 12/1/2016 and the deadline for return will be 1/20/2017.

Town Departments have been petitioned for participation in the 2017 program. As of the date of this meeting, there have been nine departments that have shown interest.

2. Discussion increase of property tax -work off abatement: Ms. Doherty received an email from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs stating that the state has increased the maximum abatement from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in the Property Tax Work-Off program. After discussion the board determined that each municipality sets their own abatement amount and decided to leave the amount at \$1,000 for calendar year 2017.

3. Review returned calendar year 2016 time sheets: All 2016 have been returned and the total amount to be charged for the FY17 allowance for abatement/exemptions is \$8,372.50

4. Discussion Property Tax Work-Off board vacancy: Ms. Doherty will make a request to the Board of Selectmen that an announcement is made at each of their televised meetings regarding the vacancy on the Property Tax Work-Off committee for one member at large. Preferably a candidate with tax knowledge will come forward.

5. Set date for next meeting: To be determined.

NOTICES & COMMUNICATIONS: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All approved, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Doherty