

Elderly and Disability Tax Relief Fund

Committee Meeting Notes from May 28, 2025 1PM

Present: Kathryn Armata, Lisa Bergman, Gail Infurna, Sarah Maclellan

Absent: Michael Festa

Guest: Mayor Jen Grigoraitis

Introductions were made.

Discussion with Mayor Grigoraitis:

- Process to administer funds is by State law
- Perimeters/criteria as to who qualifies for these funds and method of administration
- Should applications go through the Assessor's Office
- Look at other communities – Hampton, East Hampton, Winchester and Brookline
- Disabled population are most affected
- How does this differ from our Emergency Fund
- Outreach to the community and letting our community know that this fund exists and how they can donate
- Reach out to key players, elected officials as well as past elected officials asking for donation
- Privacy/confidential information. Information is confidential but list of who gets an exemption is public information
- Sarah gave a brief explanation of the existing 3 options of exemptions – 1) deferred taxes until sale of home, work-off program and 41C \$1000 and has income/asset limits/circuit breaker
- Regarding people with disabilities – what/would be the criteria and question of confidentiality
- Invite Shannon Phillips, City Solicitor as well as Erica Brown, Executive Director of the Council on Aging to a meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2PM

Next meeting June 11th at 2PM

Respectfully submitted by Gail Infurna, Chair