

Taxation Aid Committee

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Alejna Brugos, Chair at 6:10 PM

Members attending were: Linda Hawkes, Ken O'Brien, Alejna Brugos and Dick Skinner

Linda moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Alejna. Unanimous vote to accept

We reviewed the assignments for the December 22th meeting:

1. Alejna talked with Diane Willoughby – no additional people have asked to be a member of our group. Alejna will talk with Selectman Schofield about possible members and Dick will talk with Chuck Sharnagle about joining us
2. Alejna has talked with Dan Byer about the Town web site and she will work with him to get our info on the site
3. Linda drafted a warrant article for the March Special Town meeting that meets the MGL 60, 3D charter needs. She will forward the proposed article to Diane Willoughby
4. Alejna distributed a list of available documentation from Tax Aid Committees in other towns to each of the committee members
5. Dick talked with Amy Wilson Kent about the Tax Abatement Program jobs and participation. Participation was 9 people this past fiscal year - down because the BOS stopped the program several years ago and it is now in a recovery stage. Alejna will follow-up with Amy
6. Linda contacted Hopkinton about their handling of the MGL 60, 3D program. Their current Treasurer is retiring and is therefore essentially not available. Linda will locate another town with a newer taxation aid committee and talk with them
7. The meeting minutes and all other committee information will be put on the Town web site by the committee chair, Alejna
8. Ken talked with Jean Berthold about the tax exemption program and has reported back to the group. There are many different tax exemption programs with 59 current tax exemptions and more expected to be granted this year.
9. Alejna will publish the agenda thru the Town Clerk for each future meeting

Assignments for the January 19th meeting:

1. Ken to talk with Jean Berthold about historical / rehabilitation tax credits.
2. Linda will talk with another town about their tax aid committee
3. Dick will assemble and compare the tax aid and exemption forms and report back to the group
4. Review the assignments and reassignments for the 12-22 meeting above

The next meeting: Tuesday, 1-19-2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Skinner