

PROPERTY TAX EQUITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes, July 14, 2003

Members Present: Beth Farrell, Bill Sheehan, Steven Wishner, Michael DuCros, William Maloney, Basil Pallone, Mark Collins, Paul Pakos, Susan Iuliano, Andy Schwarz, Marilyn Goodrich, Ivan Lubash, Ralph Tyler, Arletta Cioffari, Claire Schlosser, Morton Brond, Dave Levington, Tara Reed, Dave Costello

Ex-Officio Members Present: Selectman Larry O'Brien

Meeting came to order at 7:34 p.m. by Interim Co-Chair Tara Reed

No public comments were offered

Amended minutes from July 1, 2003 meeting were approved by full committee

Ms. Reed led discussion/review/reaction from July 10 meeting with state legislators. Comments made included talking to other communities and learning what they experienced. The importance of seniors taking advantage of existing programs. Burden shifting would not be allowable. The importance of means tests. PTERC should pursue advisement from DOR and/or Town Counsel.

Members of PTERC recommended subcommittees propose questions to Tony DeGregario from Committee on Taxation.

Committee reviewed Interim Steering Committee's Recommendations for a permanent Steering Committee:

6 permanent officers -- Chairperson from Subcommittees A-C, 2 Co-chairs, and a recording secretary

Motion was made to elect Tara Reed and David Levington as Permanent Co-Chairs, with Beth Farrell as Recording Secretary. Motion passed.

Interim Steering Committee also recommended a bi-weekly meeting structure of the full committee, reserving 7/29, 8/12/ 8/26, 9/9 9/23. Passed by committee

A proposal was made for a fourth subcommittee, focusing on communication through newspapers. This committee will:

routinely update PTERC happenings to community

write unbiased letters and articles regarding what PTERC is, what it's doing, what it's accomplished.

represent all opinions on committee, majority and minority

Motion was made to form Subcommittee D (Communication). Members of this subcommittee include Andy Schwarz, Michael Du Cros, Beth Farrell, and Steve Wishner.

Interim Steering Committee member Michael DuCros discussed the structure of the recommended Subcommittees A through C. The charter set forth by the BOS neatly breaks out the responsibilities of each subcommittee, with Subcommittee B gathering the "crux" of the data. Concerns over the size of Subcommittee C were raised, but members of A and B will be transferring into C as their work is completed.

Motion was made to accept subcommittee structure as outlined (see attachments) Passed.

Subcommittee members are as follows:

Subcommittee A: Goodrich, Costello, Arletta, Maloney

Subcommittee B: Lubash, Schwarz, Pallone, Brond, Sheehan, Schlosser, DuCros

Subcommittee C: Iuliano, Darmer, Wishner, Tyler, Pakos, Collins

List of outstanding issues was formed. These include:

advisement from Town Counsel on the number of quorum as discussed on July 1, 2003

scheduling of future meetings

how to access information regarding the number of children in town and pertinent information

Subcommittees met in break-out sessions at 8:52 p.m. Co-chairs were chosen for Subcommittees A through C and are as follows:

A -- Arletta Cioffari

B -- Claire Schlosser

C -- Steve Wishner (interim)

These co-chairs will also serve on the PTERC Steering Committee.

Motion made to disband the Interim Steering Committee Passed

Motion made to adopt new Steering Committee (Reed, Levington, Farrell, Wishner, Cioffari, and Schlosser)

Motion made not to use an outside facilitator at this time.

Mr. Levington recommended sometime in August or September, PTERC could hold an all-day, break-out meeting. Group chose to revisit later.

Steering Committee met to decide next meeting time. Steering Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on July 29, 2003 in the Sudbury Pines Room at the Fairbanks Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Beth Farrell, Recording Secretary