

PROPERTY TAX EQUITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of October 14, 2003

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Members Present: Beth Farrell, Karen Darmer, Susan Iuliano, Ralph Tyler, Basil Pallone, David Berry, Joe Meeks, Bill Sheehan, Ivan Lubash, Esther Mann, Dave Levington, Tara Reed, Marilyn Goodrich, Bill Maloney, John Nikula, Dave Costello, Clare Schlosser

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. No public comments were offered.
2. The minutes of September 23, 2003 were approved with a majority and one dissension.
3. Mr. Levington made a report regarding meetings at the State House. He remarked that PTERC's proposal should be well-prepared and solid. Mr. Tyler added that the State may now be more receptive to want to help senior tax relief.
4. Subcommittee A, presented by Mr. Meeks, reviewed the proposals they are examining. This included the current tax deferral program offered by the Town of Sudbury, a matching Circuit Breaker, and the CPA exemption.
5. Subcommittee B offered two proposals they were examining further. Please see the draft of the "Senior Tax Relief Proposal," as presented by Mr. Pallone. Sub. B also was considering a "Tax Awareness and Personalization Program." Please see attached draft.
6. Subcommittee C, represented by Mrs. Iuliano, stated that they thought something should be available that did not require a Home Rule petition, as well as having a proposal ready for Town Meeting. Then they presented a "Sudbury Circuit Breaker Program" (see attached). Sub. C also presented a Residential Exemption proposal (see attached).
7. It was summarized by Mr. Levington that essentially, unless someone proposes a new idea, PTERC is considering one of the following: a Matching Circuit Breaker, the CPA Exemption, a re-education of the public on the Tax Deferral Program, and a Residential Exemption.
8. Mr. Pakos e-mailed PTERC members the latest version of the burden-shifting model.
9. Mr. Wishner reported on the status of his projection of future tax increases. He is waiting for more information regarding the numbers on debt exemption.

10. Mark Thompson, the technology director for Sudbury, asked that someone on PTERC take charge of preparing material to be posted on PTERC's website. Mrs. Farrell said she would take that responsibility once the format requirements are passed on to her.

11. The Communication Committee said they would start releasing press releases for upcoming meetings. It would also begin writing more-frequent columns for the Town Crier.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Beth Farrell, Recording Secretary