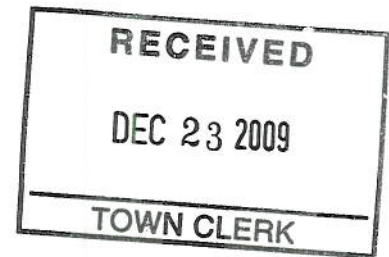


Approved
TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN
Public Hearing
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
7:00 PM -Town Hall



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Karl (7:05)
Kenneth Campbell
Kathryn Devereaux
Penny Young
Christine Hussey

Dick White
Tucker Murphy
Johnny Potts
Elizabeth Jones
Thomas P. O'Dea, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeb Walker; Ex-Officio member; Sebastian Caldarella, Tax Assessor, Dick Bergmann, Chris Jarboe, Town Attorney; John Sirico.

Chris Hussey convened the hearing at 7:00 p.m., noting the absence of Dr. DeWaele. The Council unanimously voted Ms. Hussey to act as Chair. Mr. O'Dea called the roll and read the notice of the hearing.

Ms. Hussey began the discussion regarding the Amendments to the Ordinance on Tax Relief for the Elderly or Disabled and sought input from Mr. White and Mr. Caldarella, the Tax Assessor.

Mr. Bergmann and Mr. Sirico spoke out against the ordinance due to the information sought and the application process.

Mr. O'Dea addressed the concerns and stated that the Ordinance was designed to help only those truly in need. The original ordinance excluded those with multiple properties without an asset check. John Hetherington appeared before the Committee last year on behalf of a client who objected to the ordinance being focused on property only. As a result, the committee looked at an asset test like that done in Stamford.

Mr. O'Dea stated that he was very willing to help those truly in need to stay in New Canaan but did not want to subsidize those wealthier than he.

Mr. Jones voices concern about valuing personal property.

Mr. Caldarella stated that his office did not want to be in the position of turning someone down over the value of personal property that is difficult to evaluate.

The hearing was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom O'Dea, Secretary