

Approved
TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN
Special Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
7:30 PM – Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Karl
Kenneth Campbell
Kathryn Devereaux
Penny Young
Christine Hussey

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

ABSENT: Dr. Mark DeWaele, Paul Foley

ALSO PRESENT: Job Walker, First Selectman; Sebastian Caldarella, Tax Assessor; Dick Bergman; Chris Jarboe, Town Attorney; John Sirico.

Chris Hussey convened the meeting at approximately 7:40 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 special meeting.

Item 1 – To approve a Proposed Amendment to the Ordinance on Tax Relief for the Elderly or Disabled.

Ms. Hussey requested the Chair of the Ordinance Committee, Dick White, to lead the discussion. Mr. White gave the background and had Ms. Young go over the proposed revisions.

Mr. White, Mr. O'Dea, Ms. Young and Mr. Caldarella spoke in favor of the ordinance as revised.

Ms. Devereaux discussed whether the \$200,000 cap in assets was too low. It was argued that it should be raised to \$250,000. It was decided that the cap would be left at \$200,000 for an individual and raised to \$250,000 for a couple. Ms. Jones inquired as to what would constitute "assets." A concensus was found to be assets should include cash, stocks, bonds, equities, commodities, and ownership interests in LLC's and other companies.

Ms. Young made the motion to amend 57-2F as discussed, raising cap to \$250,000 per couple and \$200,000 for an individual and defining assets. Seconded by Jones, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Steve Karl recommended an annual review.

Item 2 – To hear a presentation by the Ordinance Subcommittee regarding noise in the Park Street parking lot and to vote on recommendations.

Mr. White spoke about the subcommittee's 3/26/09 meeting and recommendations.

Mr. O'Dea made a motion to approve all of the subcommittee's recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Potts, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Potts moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Jones. It was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom O'Dea, Secretary