

**Senior Tax Relief Subcommittee  
Watertown Town Council  
Watertown, Connecticut**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.  
Watertown Town Hall  
Town Manager’s Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL**

1. Call meeting to order.

Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call.

Present: Jonathan Ramsay, Ken Demirs, Gary Lafferty

Absent: Mary Ann Rosa

Others Present: Mark Raimo, Town Manager  
Al Mickel

3. Minutes

- a. May 14, 2023

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Gary Lafferty to accept the meeting minutes for May 14, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously

- b. June 21, 2023

Motion: Ken Demirs seconded by Gary Lafferty to accept the meeting minutes for June 21, 2023.

Motion passed unanimously

4. Discussion concerning senior tax relief.

Mark Raimo passed out what is currently in place in ordinances and talked to the tax collector and assessor, their recommendation was to look at what was in place, update the numbers and then from there move to a program if desired. He checked into similar towns sizes and printed off their programs from Rocky Hill, Darien, Southbury and Brookfield for the committee to review.

The committee reviewed the criteria from other towns regarding income limits, marital status, assessed value of house, primary residence, age, residency for tax relief. Other towns have the state and local programs as well as Watertown.

Discussed was mirroring the local program with the state program. At the next meeting discussion on the state numbers in front of them as well as taking a look at actual dollars amounts for each range.

The committee discussed criteria for deferrals targeting numbers in regards to age, income levels and assessed values.

Information needed at next meeting:

- How often does the state update the numbers
- Find out what the state income levels are
- Number of recipients for tax relief in the last five years
- If Carla could attend the next meeting
- Look into other towns with deferral programs

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan Ramsay, Subcommittee Chair  
Watertown Town Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan King, Clerk