

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Present

Robert J. Oris, Jr. Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Falk, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot; David Veleber.

Absent : Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Thomas Ruocco.

Staff: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager; Al Smith, Town Attorney; Arnett Talbot, Assistant Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Police Chief Neil Dryfe; Gerald Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator.

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**Consideration of a proposed amendment to
Extending the Elderly Tax Freeze Ordinance
Section 17-15**

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

Chairman Oris called the public hearing to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The clerk read the legal notice into the record.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Assistant Town Manager Talbot explained that the tax freeze program would remain in effect until the Town Council acts to amend or repeal the ordinance amendment. There would no longer be a sunset date for this program.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY
EXPRESSED.

Derf Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, stated this program has been cited as a cost to the town, and this is not a cost. The program enables senior citizens to remain in their homes in Cheshire, and if one (1) senior benefits from this program, it is successful. He commented on senior citizen homes being sold to families with children, which is a cost to the town with children entering the school system. Mr. Kleist said the program is a win for the town.

Subject: Elderly Tax Freeze Ordinance.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.
8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Oris adjourned the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk