

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

Tim Slocum, Chairman; David Schrumm, Vice Chairman; Michael Ecke, Patti Flynn-Harris, Andrew Falvey, Thomas Ruocco, James Sima, Peter Talbot

Absent: Sylvia Nichols

Staff: Town Manager Michael A. Milone; James Jaskot, Finance Director, George Noewatne, Director of Public Works; Ramona Burkey, Library Director; Dr. Greg Florio, Supt. Of Schools

Guests: John Purtill, PBC Chairman; Gerry Brittingham, BOE Chairman; Sen. Joe Markley and Sen. Dante Bartolemo.

**PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT MATTER:**

**Consideration of a proposed amendment 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.

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

Mr. Sima stated that this program is similar to the tax credit program, and the cost to the town is \$29,000 annually. The program freezes the taxes in place for senior and disabled citizens.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

Cindy Kleist, 251 Lancaster Way, requested the Council to approve this program because of its benefits to the senior and disabled citizens.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Slocum adjourned the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk