

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN  
HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410**

Public Hearing Subject Matter

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
EXTENDING THE ELDERLY TAX FREEZE ORDINANCE  
SECTION 17-15**

Present

Robert J. Oris Jr. Chairman; Paul A. Bowman, Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Falk, Patti Flynn-Harris, Sylvia Nichols, Timothy Slocum, Peter Talbot, David Veleber.

Absent: Thomas Ruocco

Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; James Jaskot, Finance Director; Alfred Smith, Town Attorney; Michelle Piccerillo, Director of Human Services; Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer; Police Chief Neil Dryfe; Deputy Police Chief Brian Pichnarcik; Personnel Director Louis Zullo. Gerald Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator; Vincent Masciana, COO, Dept. of Education.

Others Present: David Pelletier, Chairman, Economic Development Commission; Mark Nash, Chairman, Public Building Commission. John White, Ralph Rowland, Irvin Daubert.

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

Town Manager Milone explained that the tax freeze and tax credit programs work in tandem, with eligible single and couple taxpayers qualifying for the program. As long as a resident lives in the house and meets the income limits, their taxes will not go above the current tax rate being paid. There are 255 people participating in this program, with \$47,000 in tax savings for this group. In order for this program to continue the Council must extend it for another year.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Vice Chairman Bowman closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk