

**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
TO EXTEND THE LOCAL ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX
CREDIT PROGRAM ORDINANCE SECTION 17-6**

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; Al 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 the elderly tax freeze program, which began in the early 1990's. The program has 455 participants, and provides \$447,000 in tax relief. Single income maximum level for the program is \$53,800, and couple maximum income level is \$57,800. The credits are staggered based on income; the program has a sunset provision of one year; and Council must annually re-establish continuance of the program.

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 7:08 p.m.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk