

Tax Fairness Committee  
Town House, Select Board Room  
March 30, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Joint Meeting with Board of Assessors

Minutes

The Tax Fairness Committee met with the Board of Assessors on March 30 at 7:00 PM in the Select Board Room at the Town House. Present were TFC members Jonathan Keyes, James Phelps, Reinier Beeuwkes, and Nancy Cronin. Also present were members of the Board of Assessors David Karr, Jim Sommer, Cynthia Rainey, and Christian Fisher, along with Lane Partridge, Town Assessor, and Richard Jamison, liaison from the Finance Committee.

David Karr, chair of the BOA, suggested as a result of the morning meeting with the Sudbury Assessor, the TFC, and Lane Partridge, that the Board of Assessors recommend that the implementation of the proposed means-tested property tax exemption should begin in 2018 to allow enough time for all eligible applicants to learn about the exemption and to apply for it. He said that he felt that equity for applicants is important. If implementation were to begin in the current year, the time between voters' acceptance of the Special Act at a Special Town Election and the application deadline of August 1<sup>st</sup> would be too short. He said the Board of Assessors would not be capable of allowing the longer time frame that Sudbury used for the application period.

Lane Fitzgerald noted that the number of possible Concord applications could not be estimated because there will be those that do not qualify for the state Circuit Breaker and those would require more time to review.

After further discussion, the Tax Fairness Committee voted unanimously to recommend that implementation of the senior means-tested property tax exemption begin in calendar 2018, assuming Town Meeting and Town Election approval.

The Board of Assessors also voted in favor of essentially the same motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cronin Clerk