

Concord Tax Fairness Committee
January 18, 2019
Minutes

The Tax Fairness Committee met on Friday, January 18, 2019, in the Select Board Room at 8:00 AM. Present were members Jonathan Keyes, James Phelps, Reinier Beeuwkes, David Karr, Walter Birge, Nancy Cronin, Bill Kemeza .

The Committee approved the minutes of November 30, 2018.

The Committee reviewed the Massachusetts Assessors Association draft bill for a local option means-tested senior property tax exemption. The bill limits the exemption to 50% to 200% of the state circuit breaker credit which would currently amount to \$550-\$2200. Since this year's Concord exemption amounts varied between \$2,000 to \$5,000, the Committee is concerned about this limit.

Bill Kemeza said that we need to discuss with Lane Partridge whether a different limit might be use In the MAAO bill. David Karr, Bill Kemeza and Walter Birge will meet with Lane to discuss this.

Jonathan Keyes will step down as Chair and will call members to discuss their interest in taking over as Chair.

It was suggested that the Committee make a report to the Select Board.

The next meeting will be held on February 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Cronin, Clerk