



## Town of Burlington

### **Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05.

In attendance: Al McGunnigle, Lori Vallee, Art Murelli, MaryElen Wielock, Robin Chase, Laura Chandler and Tricia Twomey

Five high-school students were also in attendance. Al explained the purpose of the commission to them.

The minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report: Tricia reported that we are at 28% of the budget which is on target.

Tax Abatement Discussion: Beth Paul, Town Assessor, joined us for the review of the research. Art reported on his information from Woodbridge, Al from Hebron and Maryelen from Woodbridge. Beth gave a brief description of the current Burlington requirements.

Art proposed that seniors had to have lived in town at least five years and at 65 their taxes would be frozen. He stated that once your income is fixed your taxes should not go up.

Discussion followed. Would a freeze have an impact on the town budget? Could it be a voluntary program? Is our goal to change the ordinance?

It was decided that a sub- committee would pursue this. Al, Art, Robin and Tricia volunteered.

Fall/Winter Programs: The calendar is looking good. The upcoming Christmas party is always well attended.

New Business: Tricia reported that she met with the person doing the needs assessment for the town hall campus and spent a good portion of that meeting discussing finding more space for the seniors.

Lori asked if the town could offer the shingles vaccine.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler

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