Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Committee Meeting March 5, 2013

Present: John Hunt, Laura Matz, Peter Barbieri and Mary Bousquet

Absent: Jim Lane

Meeting began at 5:45 p.m. in the Treasurer/Collector office.

Motion was made by Laura Matz to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012, seconded by John Hunt. Vote: Unanimous

The balance in the fund as of 3/5/13 was \$7,093.63.

The following applications were reviewed.

1. 11-02-100

Mrs. Bousquet informed the group that the house at been sold on September 21, 2012. Mr. Barbieri made to motion to deny the application, seconded by Mrs. Matz.

Vote: Unanimous

2. 06-03-073

Mrs. Bousquet informed the group that there were no taxes due on the property as the applicant had received CPA, Elderly and a hardship exemption from the Board of Assessors. Mr. Barbieri made to motion to deny the application, seconded by Mrs. Matz.

Vote: Unanimous

3. 8F-09-023

Mrs. Bousquet informed the group that there were no taxes due on the property as the applicant had received CPA and hardship exemptions from the Board of Assessors and had made payments of \$39.52 for fiscal year 2013. Mr. Barbieri made the motion to deny the application, seconded by Mr. Hunt. Vote: Unanimous

4. 06-02-057

Mrs. Bousquet informed the group that there were no taxes due on the property as the applicant had received CPA and hardship exemptions from the Board of Assessors and had made payments of \$27.15 for fiscal year 2013. Mrs. Bousquet made the motion to deny the application, seconded by Mrs. Matz. Vote: Unanimous

5. 04-04-006

Mrs. Bousquet informed the group that there was a balance for the fourth quarter taxes in the amount of \$215.10. The applicant had received CPA, Elderly and hardship exemptions from the Board of Assessors. The applicant had made payments in the amount of \$837.90 as of the date of the meeting. Mrs. Matz made the motion to grant relief in the amount of \$215.10 plus any accrued interest, seconded by Mr. Hunt. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Barbieri explained that when the Board of Assessors reviewed the applications for hardship exemptions they left balances on some accounts and that they awarded exemptions based upon what the applicant received the previous fiscal year plus the amount of the tax increase for FY13.

6. 01-01-005

Mrs. Bousquet explained that the applicant had a reverse mortgage and had received an Elderly exemption in the amount of \$600. Mr. Barbieri wasnøt sure if the applicant had filed for a tax deferral. Mrs. Matz made the motion to pay the balance of the FY13 taxes in the amount of \$697.99 plus accrued interest, seconded by Mr. Barbieri. Vote: Unanimous

7. 08-02-005H

Mrs. Bousquet explained that the applicant had received a CPA and Elderly exemption and the applicant had been approved for a tax deferral. There was a discussion has to whether we should still be assisting this applicant because of the deferral. Mr. Barbieri made the motion to deny the application, seconded by Mrs. Matz. Vote: Unanimous

8. 09-06-009

Mrs. Bousquet explained that the applicant had received a CPA exemption. Mr. Barbieri explained that when the hardship application was reviewed the income was higher than the expenses so the hardship application was denied. It was also noted that on past applications there were additional family members listed on the application that were not listed on this application. Mrs. Bousquet made the motion to grant relief in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Mr. Hunt. Vote: Unanimous

The Committee would like to include a stuffer in the next tax bills requesting donations and Mr. Barbieri also suggested that a flyer be put out on the town meeting tables soliciting donations.

Mr. Hunt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Barbieri. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bousquet Treasurer/Collector

VOTED AND APPROVED ON 5/28/13