

Elderly and Disabled Tax Aid Committee
11/12/15 Meeting Minutes
Interim Town Hall, Hapgood Room

Members present: Laura Andrews, Amy Haley, Ann Taylor, Debbie Thompson, Dale Welch

Dale called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and members approved the minutes of the 6/3 regular and executive session meetings.

The committee reviewed the FY2016 calendar month by month and agreed on timing and responsibility changes for FY2017, which **Dale** will document and send out to committee members. **Laura** will attach a copy to the minutes.

We voted to approve changes to the tax mailing insert – replacing Tammy Coller’s name with Amy Haley’s – and agreed to send the insert with the property tax mailing at the end of December and the excise tax mailing in March. **Laura** will send Amy the revised insert.

For additional communication before the mailings, we agreed that **Debbie** would add a request for contributions to the December Council on Aging newsletter and ask the *Press* to include something in its “Senior Spotlight.” **Laura** will contact the newspaper to make sure that the EDTA is included in its list of good charitable causes in December.

We discussed whether awards can be used to pay back taxes, which are penalized, or only current taxes. **Amy** will research and let the committee know at its next meeting.

Debbie mentioned that the Board of Selectmen is reviewing all the town’s miscellaneous accounts with the intention of freeing up money that is not being used. Of concern for the committee is the Rantoul Trust, which has been used in the past to make up the difference between money raised from resident contributions and resident needs for tax assistance. We agreed to add a review of contributions to April. In the meantime, **Debbie** will let us know if any action is being taken that would affect the Trust.

Next meeting: 1/7/16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hapgood Room of the old library.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Laura Andrews, recorder