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# TOWN OF NEWTOWN

## Minutes of the Legislative Ordinance Committee

The Ordinance Committee met on Tuesday Feb. 15th, 2022 in Meeting Room 1 of The Municipal Center. Mr. Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Present: Mr. Capeci, Mr. Charles Gardner, Mr. Chris Gardner, Mr. Long, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Mihalcik, and one member of the public.

Absent: Mr. DeRosa

Minutes:  
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
None

### New Business

#### Election of a Chair

Mr. Charlie Gardner moved Mr. Knapp be Chair, Mr. Long Seconded. All in favor (5-0)

#### Election of a Vice Chair

Mr. Long moved Mr. DeRosa be Vice Chair, Mr. Knapp Seconded. All in favor (5-0)

#### Consideration of an Amendment For Local Additional Veterans' Tax Exemption Program

Mr. Capeci began the discussion by recapping the information presented at the Council meeting as relating to the charge.

Mr. Knapp reviewed the current language in the Code Book, last modified in 2015, and the enabling statutes CGS 12-81f which has subsequently been modified twice, in 2016 by PA. 16-191 and in 2018 by PA. 18-102. The state program allows an exemption for veterans up to a specific income level. The local option extends the parameters in the state program from the maximum state level up to a designated amount, such as state max income plus \$10,000. Since 2015 the state max has increased and narrowed the range that the Town program covers.

The group discussed research items that would like to find out more about, such as the number of participants and the cost to the Town. The 2015 numbers would give a better sense as the Town program reached a broader income range.

Mr. Charlie Gardner asked about the application process.

Mr. Long will set up a meeting with the Tax Assessor and report back.

Mr. Knapp discussed options with the language. One could be giving the Council the authority to amend the income levels by resolution, as is done with Senior Tax Abatement. The other could be to peg Newtown's income levels to the statutory maximums plus some amount such as \$10,000. This would make it increase automatically. He will bring draft language to consider to the next meeting.

Voter Comment: None.

Ms. Long moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. Mr. Chris Gardner seconded. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan W. Knapp  
Ordinance Committee Chairman