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Agenda Item 7D - Senior Property Tax Exemption Study Committee

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Hi folks --

I am not looking to start a discussion via email, but wanted to offer some thoughts that occurred to me while I was reading the proposed committee charge. By sharing now perhaps we can streamline Tuesday's discussion a little.

1. I'd like to suggest that we modify the beginning of the charge to say "...feasibility and impact..." as I think this more accurately reflects one or two previous discussions.
2. I'd also like to suggest that we explicitly charge the committee with providing us with a report of their findings, again to more accurately reflect some of our previous discussions. This would add the phrase "...and will also provide a report of its findings to the Board of Selectman" to the end of the charge.
3. In order to enact a senior property tax exemption, if we decide to do so, I think we would need to have an article on the warrant for the FATM, which closes sometime in mid-August. For that reason, I would suggest adding a time parameter to the committee's report, perhaps by the of June, such that the board has time to hear, discuss, and decide on a course of action. We may want to solicit thoughts from the administration as to whether that is a feasible timeframe.
4. I think we have noted before that the committee is proposed to have an even number of members. As this is not a decision-making committee, perhaps that is not an issue. We may want to think about this for Tuesday's meeting.

Please don't respond to this email, as I'm not looking to start a discussion.

Donna, if it is OK with Mike, perhaps you could post this to Novus?

Thanks,

Jon

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