

Selectmen's Committee on Senior Tax Policy

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Charge of Selectmen's Committee on Senior Tax Policy

The charge of the committee shall be:

- 1) To evaluate residential property tax relief for low and moderate income senior homeowners. The Committee may accomplish this by:
 - Reviewing information about Brookline's residential taxpayers to understand the current, and possible future, composition of the residential taxpayer base, including the number of low and moderate income senior homeowner taxpayers;
 - Evaluating the effectiveness and adequacy of statutorily available tax relief programs for low and moderate income senior homeowners and, as needed, offering improvements to the implementation of the programs in Brookline;
 - Investigating the efforts of peer Massachusetts communities to provide residential tax assistance to seniors and determining the effectiveness and appropriateness of adoption of similar programs and policies by Brookline; and
 - Considering the creation of innovative programs that could be implemented to assist senior homeowners with low and moderate incomes.
- 2) To develop appropriate policy recommendations, proposals for adjustment to local implementation of statutorily provided residential tax assistance programs for senior residential taxpayers with low or moderate incomes, suggestions for new tax assistance programs that would benefit senior residential taxpayers with low or moderate incomes, and draft of warrant articles necessary to implement the committee's recommendations.
- 3) To provide to the Board of Selectmen by no later than August 3, 2017 a report of the information the committee has gathered and its recommendations.
- 4) In carrying out its charge the committee shall at all times be mindful that granting additional relief to low and moderate income senior homeowners will increase the burden on other groups of taxpayers.