

PUBLIC HEARING
October 12, 2022 4:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Eric Connolly, Philip C. Barrett, Jonathon Schopf, Jean Raymond, Kevin Veitch, Arthur M. Wright, Mark Hammond, Scott Ostrander, Theodore Kusnierz, Matthew E. Veitch, John Lant – 11.
ABSENT: Joseph Grasso, Eric Butler, Diana Edwards, Michael Smith, Kevin Tollisen, Thomas Richardson, Willard Peck, Sandra Winney, Thomas N. Wood, III, Tara Gaston, Edward D. Kinowski, John Lawler – 12 .

Chairman Kusnierz called the public hearing Local Law of the County of Saratoga to amend Local Law 1 of 1967, as last amended by Local Law 2 of 1995, to increase allowable income and grant partial tax exemptions to persons 65 years of age or over to order at 4:30 pm.

Chairman Kusnierz asked the Clerk to read the notice of public hearing.

Chairman Kusnierz asked if there were any requests to speak.

Darlene McGraw: Hi, Darlene McGraw I live in the Town of Halfmoon. I am not a senior citizen yet thankfully. But I wanted to say, I really appreciate the Board for making this change. Because especially in times like this senior citizens are having a harder time paying for things. And I really wanted to just state that because I've spoken with somebody that is a senior citizen and is having a hard time, you know, paying for things and they didn't know that this existed. And now with the changes that you guys are making, now, they're going to be able to take advantage of this program. So I thank you for that. And this person, and many other senior citizens are going to also be thanking you guys for doing this. And please make sure that we let seniors know that it's out there. And some seniors don't always go to the senior center. But we all appreciate that. And they do too. Thank you.

Written correspondence received via email:

Fred Young: Hello, My name is Fred Young, and I have been a property owner in Waterford for several years. My wife and I strongly support raising the income limits on property tax relief for people age 65 and older. We do not fall within this age group, nor do we have any family in Saratoga county who do; however, we feel that this is a step that must be taken to care for some of the most vulnerable people in our society. We can all look around and see inflation as it unfolds, and our senior citizens are least likely to be in a position where they can supplement their income with extra jobs, or trim their budget when healthcare, food and energy costs keep rising. The compassion that Saratoga county has for its senior citizens today is more important than ever, and I would caution the board of supervisors that in this case, it would be better to err on the side of extending relief to more people than risk running people into poverty as our economy continues to shake. Thank you for allowing me to contribute my opinion.

Barry Maisel: I support increased income eligibility from Sar. County property tax. Seniors in Sar. County desperately need relief from property taxes. Thank you.

Chairman Kusnierz closed the public hearing at 4:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Therese M. Connolly, Clerk