

TO: Board of Selectmen Members

From: Lynne Vanderslice

Date: July 14, 2023

RE: July 18<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting

The following information is being provided in advance of our July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Consideration of an Ordinance to Exempt from Property Tax a Motor Vehicle Owned by a Person with Disabilities as Described in CGS 12-81-c.* A resident emailed asking we consider offering this form of property tax relief. See statute pasted below. I recommend we consider investigating this and other optional programs allowed under 12-81.

**Sec. 12-81c. Municipal option to exempt certain motor vehicles.** The legislative body of any municipality may, by ordinance, exempt from personal property taxation (1) any ambulance-type motor vehicle which is used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual, except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for profit, (2) any property owned by a nonprofit ambulance company, and (3) any motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities, or owned by the parent or guardian of such person, which vehicle is equipped for purposes of adapting its use to the disability of such person, provided the legislative body of the municipality adopts a definition of such vehicle.

*WPCA-Possible Appointment of Kim Healy and Ross Tartell.* Positions on the WPCA currently held by Kathy Dhanda and Diane Martucci have terms ending June 30, 2023. Neither is seeking reappointment.

The impact of decisions by the WPCA can be far reaching. As a result in September 2020, Josh and then Selectman Lori Bufano volunteered and were appointed to fill two vacancies. In December 2021, Bas volunteered and was appointed to fill a vacancy. With two new vacancies, I request Kim and Ross volunteer to fill the open 5-year terms ending June 30, 2028.

You might recall, it isn't unusual in other municipalities for elected officials to serve on the WPCA (BOS in Westport, BOF in New Canaan).

Josh's term also ends on June 30, 2023 and requires reappointment to a new 5-year term at our meeting.

Thanks,  
Lynne