

Present: First Selectman Jeremy Shingleton, Deputy First Selectman
F. Monnes, A. Waters, R. Newton, D. Murphy, R. Waters

Absent: M. Johnson

Also Present: Public and Press

A. First Selectman Shingleton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:20 p.m.

B. The Public Hearing Legal Notice was read into the record:

TOWN OF CROMWELL
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVING
SPOUSES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008, 6:15 P.M.

Cromwell, CT-Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cromwell will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. at the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT, Room 224/5 to amend the Code of the Town of Cromwell by adding section VIII-Exemption for Qualifying Veterans and Their Surviving Spouses, Chapters 211-32, 211-33 and 211-34. The purpose of the amendment is to authorize the additional property tax exemption permitted by C.G.S. 12-81f for qualifying veterans and their surviving spouses.

A copy of the entire proposal is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Jeremy Shingleton, First Selectman
For the Board of Selectmen

C. First Selectman Shingleton opened the meeting for Public Comments.

1. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road - spoke in favor of the tax exemption but didn't think it was fair to qualify for veterans with an income level.
2. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -spoke in favor and encouraged that serving during time of war provision should be part of the ordinance.
3. John Sargent, Washington Road -spoke in favor and felt that serving in a war zone should not be part of the ordinance.
4. Will Hanson -Sovereign Ridge -spoke in favor of the ordinance change and stated the veteran's exemption in Wethersfield is \$4,500.
5. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -Stated his statement was referring to the State requirement that veterans serve during a time of war. Currently Cromwell's Veteran's exemption is \$1,500.
6. Brian Garcia, Upper Heatherwood -Spoke in favor fully supporting this initiative.

7. Barbara Frazer, Skyview- Spoke in favor and doesn't feel that any restrictions should be implemented on whether people were in war or not.
8. Donna Hanson, Sovereign Ridge -Spoke in favor of the exemption.

D. First Selectman Shingleton called the Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary