



TOWN OF EASTHAM

TAX AID COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2022

Attending: Georgia Autorino, Linda Finkral, Maya Golding, W. Davis Hobbs, Colleen Mercurio, Eileen Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Chair Linda Finkral

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Maya Golding reported that \$8,290 has been donated to the tax relief fund by Eastham citizens.

Press Release: Linda Finkral presented a proposed press release to publicize the tax aid available to Eastham residents. The committee suggested several edits and Linda will revise the release and send it out to local papers.

W. Davis Hobbs questioned whether we needed to get further permission from town administrators or the Select Board before proceeding with the press release, flyers and application forms. The committee decided that all would be run by Jacqueline Beebe, town administrator.

Flyers: Georgia Autorino presented a proposed flyer to be distributed about town along with the applications for tax aid. There followed a discussion about obtaining permissions from the proposed locations. Committee members will ask permission at the following places and then distribute the flyers and applications: Town Hall-Maya Golding, Eastham Public Library - Eileen Morgan, Eastham Food Pantry - Linda Finkral, Eastham Council on Aging - W. Davis Hobbs, LowerCape Outreach - Linda Finkral.

Applications: The committee continued discussion on the wording and content of the applications. Maya Golding will type up the finalized form and send it to committee members.

The deadline for applications will be August 1, 2022 for aid for the November tax bill.

Grant Amounts: Maya Golding questioned the amount of each grant approval. It was decided by consensus to wait until we see how many applicants there are and what individual situations are before deciding.

Tax Bill: It was noted that an appeal for tax payer donations to the tax aid fund did not go out with the latest tax bill. The committee asked that Maya Golding make sure that an appeal goes out in the next mailing. Discussion continued regarding whether the appeal should be a separate slip of paper or written into the bill itself. Maya will look into the price of a separate slip, which the committee preferred.

Thank You Notes: W.Davis Hobbs suggested writing thank you notes to residents contributing to the tax fund. All agreed that this was a good idea.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:58a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Georgia Autorino

Secretary



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MEETING MINUTES May 10, 2022

Attending: Georgia Autorino, Linda Finkral, Maya Golding, Colleen Mercurio, Eileen Morgan
Absent: W.Davis Hobbs

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Chair Linda Finkral via Zoom

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Maya Golding reported that \$8,290 has been donated to the Tax Aid Fund by Eastham citizens. No new funds have been received since our last meeting. No applications for tax aid have been received.

Flyers and Applications: Linda Finkral reported that Keith Finkral has distributed the flyers and applications to the Eastham Food Pantry, the Eastham Council on Aging, the Lower Cape Outreach, the Eastham Public Library and the Food Pantry at the Eastham Methodist Church.

Press Release: Linda Finkral reported that press releases to publicize the tax aid available to Eastham residents were sent to the Provincetown Independent, the Cape Cod Times, The Cape Codder and the Banner. The Provincetown Independent refused to print the release without paid compensation. The other venues have not replied back to Linda.

Thank You Notes: Maya Golding reported that approximately 70 people have donated to the Tax Aid Fund. Committee members will each be assigned an equal number of donors to write thank you notes to. Linda Finkral will take care of the making assignments.

Committee Members: Linda Finkral, Eileen Morgan and Georgia Autorino all agreed to upcoming three year terms as members of the Tax Aid Committee.

Tax Bill: Appeals for donations from Eastham tax payers for the Tax Aid Fund will be placed on all upcoming tax bills. Maya Golding will take care of this.

Next Meeting: June 28 , 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.