

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
Aqua Turf Fall Meeting, November 8, 2018
Southington, CT

PRESIDENT Lisa Theroux called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Administrative item: Send any changes in the phone list by email to Phil Damato, Wilton.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. Barry Maynard made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes, seconded by Pat Crisco. Pat Monahan made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Teresa Babon. **Motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available at the registration table. Motion to waive the reading of the treasurer's report and approve them as written and posted was made by Barry Maynard and seconded by Teresa Babon. Ann Marie Burr motioned to accept the minutes and Scott Ferguson seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

New Collectors were announced as follows: Ann Bednaz, Bristol; Karen Gauthier, Montville; Eileen Curtin, Andover; Samantha Pletscher, Farmington; Teresa Babon as Assessor/Collector, Southington.

Committee Reports:

Escrow: No report

DMV: Linda Sheffield reported on some updates from Gayle Murphy. She reminded the group that you MUST clear somebody if they do not owe any money to your municipality. Also, if the person is in bankruptcy, you MUST clear them.

At this time, Linda noted that she will be retiring in February 2019 and Karen Wieduwilt will take her place as Committee Chair.

Deb Heim then presented Linda with a retirement gift on behalf of CTx.

Certification: Pat Monahan spoke on behalf of the Certification Committee.

- Three road shows were offered this past year.
- Classes for the next cycle will be posted online on February 1st.
- If you have your 3 years of required experience to become certified, the application can be submitted on line with a copy to Pat Moio.

Pat noted that the committee is in need of a co-instructor for Class 4.

Certification Certificates were awarded to the following individuals: Rachel A-Massih, South Windsor; Edward F Bader, P.O.A., Lake Hayward; Cheryl S. Blogoslowski, New Britain; Dale Boisselle, Sterling; Jerl J. Casey, Montville (not present); Erin Johnson, Canton; Pru O'Brien, Fairfield; Pamela D. Pelletier, Plymouth; Paul L. Poplawski, Berlin; Hollie M. Rapp, Ridgefield; Jennifer Ramirez Russo, Simsbury; Rebecca L. Sabo, East Hartford; Ashley Schremmer, Oxford; Michelle P. Tarca, Southington; Amanda P. Tashea, Windham; Heidi M. Vane, East Windsor.

County Reports: The following County Reports were given:

Hartford County: Lauren Stuck reported that Hartford County had a May meeting where Mike Walsh discussed the MDC Clean Water Act. The October Meeting consisted of a discussion of Best Practices in Tax Collection. New Officers were recently sworn in as follows: President, Peter F. Juszczynski, Windsor Locks; Vice President, Iris K. Laurenza, East Hartford; Treasurer, Samantha Pletscher, Farmington; Secretary, Ana M. LeGassey, Plainville. The next meeting will be held in Simsbury in December.

Tolland/Windham: Lisa Madden reported that at their recent meetings they have discussed the postmarks and effective dates and mill rates. They also worked on a DMV Survey, asking which towns charge to do immediate take offs.

Litchfield: Rebecca Juchert-Derungs from Litchfield County reported that at their annual meeting they discussed DMV & Water/Sewer bills.

New Haven County: Pat Crisco reported on recent activity for New Haven County, including the awarding of two scholarships.

Fairfield County: Ann Scacco reported for Fairfield County. Pullman & Comley presented at one of their meetings about FOI. The next County meeting is in December.

Ann – NE Regional was held in Providence Rhode Island in August. The 2019 Conference will likely be in Maine.

Legislation: Mike Dugan, President of Capitol Consulting, LLC presented the legislative update. Key activity during this past legislative session include the following:

HB5399-Lien Assignment Issue. Would prohibit assignment of \$3,000 or less or less than 3 years delinquent. Approved by Banking Committee but failed to be considered by House.

HB5509- Passed and became effective 7-1-18. Changes to Water Pollution Authority. Affecting municipalities with greater than 100,000 population. Prohibits Pollution Control Authority from placing lien or foreclosing for 1 year after the lien is filed. Also requires municipalities to establish a lower interest rate.

HB5181 – Effective 6-6-18; Special Act for Town of Wilton

HB5184 – Modify Budget Adoption Dates. Allows municipalities to go beyond the established dates in setting budgets if the state doesn't adopt a budget.

HB5322 – Motor Vehicle Statute Changes. Raise convenience fee from \$5 to \$8 to incentivize municipalities to process driver license and registration renewals.

HB5591 (PA18-136) - Municipal Revenue Option. Sought to repeal by October 2022 the motor vehicle tax. No action was taken.

SB271 (PA18-79) – Effective 10-1-18; Personal property greater than 10 years old is exempt

SB413 – Changes position of Beacon Falls Tax Collector from elected to appointed.

Other items of interest: 2018 Connecticut Election Results:

Blue Wave – Governor, General Assembly – 30 seats; Secretary of State; Treasurer; Comptroller; Attorney General; All Congressional seats

Senate: Previously 18D to 18R; Now 24D to 12R; Scott Frantz(R) was Chair of Finance Committee lost to Bergstein (D).

House: Previously 80D to 71R; Now 92D to 52R.

D's won 14 of 19 open seats; there are 30 freshman legislators.

2019 is the Long Session – Jan 9 through June 5th. They need to deal with a \$40 billion budget deficit. Budget is due February 6th.

Keynote Speaker: Demand Notice to Bank Execution to Taxes Paid presented by Launa Goslee, CCMC, City of Torrington

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made at 12:06pm by Colleen O'Connor and seconded by Pat Crisco. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene J. Lefkowitz, CCMC
Secretary