

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

October 24, 2019, West Hartford Town Hall

PRESENT: Lisa Theroux, CCMC, Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC, Alan Wilensky, CCMC, Iris Laurenza, CCMC, Patricia Moisio, CCMC, Lisa Madden, CCMC, Corinne Aldinger, CCMC, Ann Scacco, CCMC, Paula Usher, CCMC, Pat Crisco, CCMC, Maeci Evans, CCMC, Scott Ferguson, CCMC, Launa Goslee, CCMC, Sarah Brusco, CCMC, Rebecca Juchert Derungs, CCMC, Kathy Larkins, CCMC, Teresa Babon, CCMC

President Lisa Theroux called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Secretary's Report: Motion to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the Secretary's Report from the September 10, 2019 meeting which everyone reviewed, was made by Launa Goslee and seconded by Lisa Madden. **Motion carried.**

Helene read thank you notes from Phil Damato and LBDA, recognizing the donation made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association in tribute to Phil's brother, Don.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Larkins presented the Treasurer's Report, and reported that the savings balance is down to about \$64,000 as a result of payments to Aqua Turf and Capitol Consulting, as well as a deposit to Waters Edge. Maeci Evans motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, and the motion was seconded by Pat Moisio. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

Member vs Non Member Fees: Lisa Theroux noted that we recently voted to increase the price of attending the Aqua Turf Spring and Fall meetings for members from \$38 to \$42. However, at that time there was no mention of raising the price for non-members. Currently, non-members are charged a fee of \$45.00. Lisa Madden made a motion to increase the fee for non-members to \$50, beginning with the May 2020 Meeting. Pat Moisio seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

New Hampshire Conference: Lisa Theroux gave a brief overview of her attendance at the New Hampshire Annual Tax Collector Conference. Specifically, she found the segment on Active Shooter very interesting and informative and shared her thoughts with the group.

Committee Updates:

Nominating Committee: Nominations for Officers for 2020-2022 was submitted by Lisa Biagiarelli and Pat Crisco, Nominating Committee, as follows:

President: Teresa Babon, Southington
First Vice President: Alan Wilensky, Waterford
Second Vice President: Lisa Madden, Somers
Secretary: Helene Lefkowitz, West Hartford
Assistant Secretary: Ann Marie Burr, Prospect
Assistant Treasurer: Maeci Evans, Fairfield

Ann Scacco made a motion to present this slate of candidates to members at the November Aqua Turf meeting. Motion seconded by Pat Moisiso. **Motion Carried.**

Audit Committee: Discussion about revising bylaws to change it so that it reads “limits for treasurer for consecutive terms”. It was suggested that Adam Cohen review it. If he thinks it should be clarified and changed, then we can present it to the members for at the November Aqua Turf Meeting, and present it for a vote at the March 2020 Conference. After that vote, we would then vote on Slate of Officers. The intent is to allow Maeci Evans, or future Treasurers to serve additional terms as Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, as long as the terms are not consecutive.

Discussion about recent legislative change and the intent of changing language to Section 12-144c. Removed “Before due date” and allows towns to waive bills up to \$25.00. May currently waive any property tax due in an amount less than or equal to \$25.00. Lisa will discuss this with Adam Cohen to determine intent, and decide whether it needs clarification/revision.

Certification Committee: Pat Moisiso indicated that there will be a crash course for newly elected Collectors on November 8th.

Legislation: No legislative update was available. Alan Wilensky suggested that the committee consider bringing forth legislation to prorate personal property, as well as the ability for towns to force the state to withhold sales tax permits and business licensing for businesses with delinquent taxes. While the group generally believes that these are great ideas, it is also considered very unlikely that we would get the support of the legislators for these initiatives.

Escrow Committee: Iris Laurenza reported that Corelogic is in the beginning stages of building a platform to be accessed by Collectors.

Next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for November 14th, following the semi-annual meeting at the Aqua Turf.

Motion to adjourn made by Teresa Babon at 11:00 am. Seconded by Paula Usher. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC
Secretary