

TOWN OF CONCORD BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
Local Law #1 Cold War Veteran's Exemption

February 8, 2018
6:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CLYDE M. DRAKE, SUPERVISOR
JAMES M. KREZMIEN, COUNCILMAN
KENNETH D. ZITTEL, COUNCILMAN
PHILIP DROZD, COUNCILMAN

EXCUSED: WILLIAM F. SNYDER, III, COUNCILMAN

ALSO PRESENT: DARLENE G. SCHWEIKERT, Town Clerk
DENNIS DAINS, Hwy Supt.
BRIAN F. ATTEA, Town Attorney
CAROLYN ROBINSON, Dog Control Officer
GEORGE DONHAUSER, Planning Board
MITCH MARTIN, Senator Gallivan Office

JOHN MIESS
LIA OPREA
KARIN CHEMAN
MARK HEBDON
SETH WOCHENSKY

MARY JANE MIESS
JUDY WRIGHT
MICHAEL CHEMAN
RICH PLACE, Springville Times

Supervisor Drake opened the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2018, To Amend the Taxation Law (Cold War Veteran's Exemption). Town Clerk Schweikert had published the Notice of Public Hearing in the Springville Times on January 16th, 2018. The Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the Town's website and the sign board at the Town Hall on January 9, 2018.

Supervisor Drake explained that a Cold War Veteran is defined as a person who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces between September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991 and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions. This exemption applies to the primary residence only. The property must be owned by a Cold War Veteran, the spouse of a Cold War Veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War Veteran. The Town currently has 44 Veterans and 5 Disabled Veterans claiming this existing Cold War Veteran's Exemption. The estimated assessed value is \$300,000 which would compute to about \$1,200 in tax dollars. The current Cold War Veteran's Exemption had a term of ten years and this Local Law would just be extending the tax exemption the Town already has.

Supervisor Drake opened the floor for public comments.

Carolyn Robinson stated that this is a good law; the Veterans earned it.

John Miess asked what the level of the tax exemption is. Supervisor Drake advised that the regular Veteran's exemption is 15% off the assessed valuation and the disabled Veteran exemption is higher.

No one else wished to address the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Krezmien, seconded by Councilman Zittel, to close the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Councilmen Krezmien, Zittel & Drozd; Supervisor Drake, voting aye; Councilman Snyder, excused. Carried.



Darlene G. Schweikert
Town Clerk