

## **Tax Relief Programs – Town of Weston – Phone 203-222-2696**

Tax Collector

56 Norfield Road

Weston, CT 06883

Weston offers six tax relief programs. Relief is available to eligible seniors, the disabled, veterans, and Fire Department and EMS volunteers.

To qualify for any of Weston's four senior programs, homeowners must be 65 or older and have paid real estate taxes for at least a year prior to applying. In addition, applicants must present a copy of their IRS form 1040 and back-up materials to the Weston tax collector. Application deadlines are May 15th and are strictly upheld.

Tax Relief Programs include:

- **The Tax Abatement Program** – Applicant's household income (applicant's income, or, if married, applicant's and spouse's income) must be under \$49,000 from all sources including Social Security, dividends, etc., and their net worth can not exceed \$1,000,000 (including the value of their home, less mortgage). The amount abated will be calculated on the first \$400,000 of the assessed value of the home.

- **The Tax Deferral Program** – Applicant's household income must be under \$125,000. There is no net worth ceiling. The interest rate is set by the Selectmen yearly. A lien will be placed on the applicant's property and payback in full of the deferred tax is due upon sale of the home or within 15 years. The amount abated will be calculated on the first \$400,000 of the assessed value of the home.

- **The Tax Freeze Program** – Applicant's household income must be under \$100,000 and an applicant must be a resident of Weston for 10 years to qualify. There is no net worth ceiling. This program is interest free. A lien will be placed on the applicant's property and payback is due within 15 years. The freeze applies to the first \$800,000 of the assessed value of the home.

- **A Veterans Program** – Weston offers a special property tax relief program for qualified veterans. Contact the Town Assessor at 203-222-2606/2607 for details.

- **A Fire Department and EMS Volunteers Tax Abatement Program** – For further information and assistance, call the Weston Tax Collector at 203-222-2696/2697, or the Weston Department of Social Services at 203-222-2663.

- **An Elderly and Totally Disabled – Homeowners Benefit Program** – Contact the Weston Town Assessor at 203-222-2606/2607 for details.