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From: Peter Ashton
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2004 10:43 AM
To: John Ryder II; Board of Selectmen; Finance Committee
Subject: Re: State Hearings Announced on Property Tax Classification System - FYI

I would be pleased to provide written comments for submission on this issue on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, particularly as it relates to senior tax relief. Can we discuss this at our next regular meeting? I am not available on May 4th to testify, but could testify on May 18 at the State House.

Peter

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From: John Ryder II
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2004 4:46 PM
To: Board of Selectmen; Finance Committee
Subject: State Hearings Announced on Property Tax Classification System - FYI

State Hearings Announced on Property Tax Classification System

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has announced that is conducting public hearings on the property tax classification system. These hearings are part of an ongoing study by the Department on the current property tax classification system to "determine sustainable and equitable methods for addressing the current and any future divergence in residential and commercial and industrial property values that result in an abrupt shift of the tax levy onto one class of property taxpayers." The hearings closest to the 495/MetroWest region will take place in:

- Worcester, at the Worcester Public Library on May 4 at 10AM; and
- Boston, at the State House in Room B-1 on May 18 at 10AM.

The state statute that called for this study also requires that the Department of Revenue submit its findings to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2004.

For more information, please go online to www.dls.state.ma.us/PUBL/MISC/PTC_hearings.pdf

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