

A Public Hearing on the Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption by the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn - President
Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Vice President
Ms. Janice Baldwin - Trustee
Mr. Patrick Rail - Trustee
Ms. Stacie Stark - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John A. Strifolino
Ms. Elisa Pellati

At 7:30 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Public Hearing on the Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Bruce Kahn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON
COLD WAR VETERANS' TAX
EXEMPTION**

Mr. Kahn advised that there would be two meetings this evening. After the public hearing on the Cold War Veteran's Exemption the Board would open the Regular Meeting

OPENING REMARKS

Areas covered in Assistant Superintendent Elisa Pellati's overview of the Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption included:

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

History of the law

Steps/timeline needed to be taken to make the exemption available to Cold War Veterans

Qualified individuals to receive the Exemption:

- Cold War Veteran who served on active military duty in the U.S. from September 2, 1945 through December 26, 1991
- Spouse of a Cold War Veteran
- Un-remarried spouse of a Cold War Veteran

If they are receiving any other veterans exemption such as the Veterans Alternative Exemption then they are not eligible to receive this as well
Exemption based on a percentage value of the assessment on their home
Cold War Veterans who sustained a service related injury or disability are entitled to an additional exemption

- Cold War Veterans exemption has a life of 10 years
- Disability portion does not expire

Exemption does not negatively impact the school district's tax levy

- Burden is shifted to remaining properties
- Increase amounts to about \$2.74 per year for the average Class 1 Home

None

**BOARD QUESTIONS/
COMMENTS
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns Raised by the Public included:

- A resident asked if the District is subsidized by the Government or New York State for this

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Mr. Kahn on behalf of the Board and Administration thanked the Veterans present for their service

The Public Hearing on the Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING
ON COLD WAR VETERANS'
TAX EXEMPTION**

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk