

Roxanne Maher

From: Jessica Buhle
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 5:39 PM
To: andrea@getcleanbooks.com
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Re: Ledyard, CT - Cap on the real estate property tax exempt for Veterans
Attachments: 2025-R-0129.pdf; Jan 21 2026.pdf; March 4 2026.pdf

Hello Andrea,

The ordinance presented in the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting is a draft modeled after the ordinance passed by Stonington, CT in September of 2025.

In 2025, the Connecticut Legislature allowed municipalities to limit the total exemption amount to the median assessed value of residential real property in the municipality (CGS Sec. 12-81(83), as amended by PA 25-168 Sec. 233).

The Finance Committee meeting of January 21, 2026 included the agenda item "Discussion regarding the Town's Property Tax Exemption Ordinances," in which the Committee discussed all ordinances and exemptions in the Town, including whether they are providing necessary support, needed to be amended, or how they were working.

Mayor Allyn advised of the above change to the law, allowing municipalities to move to the Median Tax as the model. He stated that neighboring towns had already adopted this change. The Finance Committee agreed that we would consider modifying the Exemption; however, we wanted to wait until more information was available before making any final decisions.

I reached out to the Assessor after that meeting, and she provided the information that is attached to the agenda for March 4th's meeting.

I had asked Roxanne, the Administrative Assistant to the Council, to add the discussion back to the agenda, and she thoughtfully drafted an ordinance mirroring the ordinance passed in Stonington.

No decisions have been made thus far, and public comment is welcome at this meeting and any subsequent meetings. All Ordinances have a public hearing as well, so if this is pursued, there would also be a public hearing.

I have attached a report from the Office of Legislative Research, the minutes from January 21st, 2026, and the agenda for March 4th's meeting, which also contains information and the Zoom link if you would like to attend remotely.

Thank you for reaching out. I hope this answered any questions you may have.

Best,

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On Mar 2, 2026, at 3:27 PM, Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:

From: Andrea <andrea@getcleanbooks.com>
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Hi Jessica,
My name is Andrea Clouse. We are home owners in the town of Gales Ferry. Can you please provide me with as much information regarding this ordinance? I would like to attend via zoom (if possible) the meeting set for March 4th.

Thank you

Andrea Clouse
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