

CAAO Legislative Committee Report to the Membership

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Thirteen members of the CAAO legislative committee met in Waterbury in an effort to identify the accomplishments of CAAO during last year's session and to also identify the legislative agenda for the coming "short" session which will occur February 6th through May 7, 2008. A wide arrays of issues were discussed including, but not limited to the following:

- Energy and solar home exemptions. Hybrid vehicle enabling legislation, antique vehicle valuations and their regulations.
- Mandate BAA workshops, raise litigation waiver threshold to \$1 million.
- Articulate the regressiveness of the Motor Vehicle Tax in Connecticut.
- Statewide local tax policy in regard to veteran exemptions.
- The assessment policy and taxation of mobile homes.
- Newly passed statutes (PA 07-246) preventing Assessors to release residential floor plans on the internet.
- Assessment policy on the valuation of golf courses.
- Maritime land assessment policy.
- FOI regulations in regard to on line real estate information and the release of motor vehicle information.
- The status of the Pictrometry data base.
- Issues related to the housing coalition and the valuation of subsidized housing.
- The postponement of revaluations, phase in statutes (which are being implemented and which are ineffective), the mix of parcels and the balance of the revaluation schedule in regard to the 38 Towns and cities that are implementing on their 10-1-2007 Grand Lists, The status of the Study Commission.
- Performance base standards and quality assurance programs.
- The effectiveness of CAAO to again request the legislature to pass audit and penalty legislation in regard to the assets within the telecommunication industry that vaporizes when we make our annual request.
- Regional planning outreach programs and the taxation there of.
- Income and Expense annual compliance.
- The prorating of demolished or razed real estate.

It was a unified consensus of the committee to bring the following issues to the CAAO Executive Board for their 2008 legislative endorsement:

- Annual Income and Expense submission by all commercial taxpayers increasing the penalty for non compliance to 25%.
- Revisit our statutes on the situs of motor vehicles.
- Give clarity and continuity to our Veteran exemption statutes.