

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Revenue**

Tax Policy Strategy Work Group

Property Tax Sub Group Meeting Minutes –October 23, 2008

I. Attendance – The following were present:

Work Group – Bob Walsh, Karen Grande, John Gelati, Bruce Keiser, John Simmons, John Gregory

Staff – Peder Schaefer, Jill Barrette, Marsha Crecelius, James Savage, James Neary

Others – Russ Dannecker, Chantale Sarrasin, Jacqueline Kelley, Laurie Brayton, Michael Hogan, Jeff Taylor

II. Presentation

Peder Schaefer presented comparative information on tax burden in several neighboring Massachusetts communities as compared with the Warwick profiles presented at the previous meeting.

III. Discussion

The Work Group reviewed each of the potential property tax reform sub sets: tax classification, tax treaties, personal exemptions, the tax appeal process, tax exempt properties, and state aid. John Simmons requested that the information be presented in a decision package format. Karen Grande suggested that at the next meeting the work group should have a focused dialogue among themselves on the priorities to be established.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the work group was initially scheduled for November 6. Because of a conflict for many members, that meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 12 at 8:00 AM in Conference Room A – 2nd floor.