## TOWN OF BERLIN ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS TAX RELIEF FILING REQUIREMENTS

## FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS MUST APPLY BY MAY 15th, 2024 (CLOSE OF BUSINESS THAT DAY)

Homeowners who were 65 as of December 31, 2023, and who meet specific guidelines may be eligible for the program. Those who are 100% disabled regardless of age may also be eligible. (CGS §12-170aa to CGS §12-170cc)

Residents who meet the eligibility requirements must apply in person from February 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> with the Assessor's Office.

Eligibility guidelines include a maximum annual income of \$43,800 for a single person and \$53,400 for married couples. The tax benefit works on a sliding scale with a minimum exemption of \$150 to a maximum of \$1,250.

An applicant must show date of birth, Social Security number and proof of all income – taxable and non-taxable for 2023.

Items the state requires for proof of all income when applying for the Elderly Homeowners Program include:

- > Copy of the 1099 form from Social Security
- > Copy of a complete income tax return for 2023
- ➤ If no income tax return was filed, submit copies of all 1099 forms + W-2 forms + 1099 Dividend forms, etc.
- ➤ Receipts for rental income
- > Pensions, Veteran's Pension, Railroad retirement

Those who want more information may contact the Assessor's Office at 860-828-7039.