Free IRS tax filing service available to local residents

LINCOLN –WOODSTOCK: Free tax assistance is available to taxpayers of all ages who have would like some guidance with their 2007 income tax returns, provided they meet certain income eligibility guidelines.

Tom Bringola of North Woodstock, a retired tax accountant, is volunteering his services through the AARP-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) programs. He is available to assist income-eligible residents from Lincoln, Woodstock, and surrounding communities on Thursdays, January 31st through April 10th, 2008. Meetings are on an appointment-only basis and will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln Town Hall. The meetings will last about one hour.

As part of the service, the preparer will meet with taxpayers, review their records, and prepare a tax return that he will file electronically with the IRS. One advantage of filing electronically (E-File) is that the IRS issues refunds faster – typically within 10 days, as opposed to 6-8 weeks for manually filed returns.

Taxpayers who meet with this tax counselor should bring the following records with them on the day of the appointment: A copy of their 2006 income tax return and all information pertaining to 2007 income, including W-2 forms and interest and dividend information, as well as a form of ID like a driver's license or social security card. All information provided is confidential.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the Lincoln Town Hall at 745-2757, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday or email townhall@lincolnnh.org.