

ADOPT M.G.L., CHAPTER 59, §5, CLAUSE 18 – HARDSHIP UNDER AGE 60

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to support the Harwich Board of Selectmen's request to State Legislature to pass a bill amending the Hardship Exemption (as provided in Chapter 59 §5, Clause 18) for the right to grant up to a \$1,000 property tax exemption for taxpayers under the age of 60, as a local option for all cities and towns and/or as a home rule petition for the Town of Harwich, and to act fully thereon. By the request of the Board of Assessors. Estimated Cost: \$30,000

Explanation: The Board of Assessors would like to advocate for most vulnerable citizens of the Commonwealth. We feel that all citizens of our community and all others in the Commonwealth are struggling. We would like for this article to be approved by the Legislation. This article is for our most vulnerable residents under 60 who by reason of infirmity or poverty are unable to contribute fully to their tax liability in the judgement of the Board of Assessors. We estimate that we would receive 30 applicants.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW CERTAIN TAXPAYERS THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR UP TO \$1,000.00 OF TAX RELIEF DUE TO HARDSHIPS.

VOTE: YES-7, NO-0

The Board of Selectmen Recommends: 4-0

MOTION: (Dana DeCosta, Chairman- Finance Committee) I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the Warrant. Duly seconded

ACTION: It was a unanimous vote, so declared

A true copy

Attest: _____

Anita N. Doucette, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk