

**ADOPT M.G.L., CHAPTER 59, §5, CLAUSE 56 –
ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES - PROPERTY; EXEMPTIONS**

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm and extend MGL Chapter 59, §5, Clause 56. Upon acceptance of this section by the Town, the Board of Assessors may grant, real and personal property tax abatement up to 100% of the total tax assessed to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to Reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they performed such service subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of the city or town. Said change to take effect FY 2021 and act fully thereon. By request of the Harwich Veteran's Agent and Board of Assessors. Estimated Cost: \$10,000.

Explanation: *This local option for the National Guard and Reservists must be renewed every two (2) years.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THIS ARTICLE BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED TO ALLOW CITIZENS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVES TAX RELIEF WHEN THEY ARE DEPLOYED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

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