



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
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Date: April 23, 2024

Time 9:00 AM

Members Present: Michael Britton, Chair

Wendy Miller

Freddy Friedman

Rebecca Wagner, Assistant Assessor/Clerk

The meeting was held at the Town Hall and called to order at 9:11 AM.

The following items were reviewed and acted on:

- A. Approved minutes from March 28, 2024.
- B. Reviewed and Approved Real Estate abatements in the amount of \$ 3069.78.
- C. Reviewed and Approved Motor Vehicle Excise abatements in the amount of \$263.88.
- D. Discussed and Approved verbiage for article for 41C and adding it to the agenda for the town meeting next month to be voted on. Voted to revise verbiage for senior exemption to include lowering the age to 65 and include the whole estate limits and whole estate exclusion.

As follows: "That the Town will vote to adjust the following factors contained in the Clause 41C provisions: 1) reduce the requisite age of eligibility to **65 years**; 2) increase the abatement dollar amount by not more than 100 percent (up to **\$1,000**); 3) increase gross receipts limit from \$13,000 to **\$20,000 if single** and from \$15,000 to **\$30,000 if married**; 4) increase whole estate limit from \$28,000 to **\$40,000 if single** and from \$30,000 to **\$55,000 if married**; and 5) by further excluding from the determination of whole estate up to **two** dwelling units."

All in favor.

- E. Discussed and approved verbiage for article for 41D and adding it to the agenda for the town meeting next month to be voted on. Voted to adopt G.L. c. 59 ss 5, Clause 41D.

As follows: “That the Town will vote to accept [General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D](#), which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens under [General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause](#) **Clause 41C**, by 100% of the COLA as provided in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2024.”

All in favor.

The next meeting date May 9, 2024 at 9:00 am. Being there was no further business a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Wagner, Assistant Assessor