



MEETING NOTICE **TOWN OF ANDOVER**

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Andover Council on Aging Advisory Board
May 13, 2021 Meeting via WebEx link

TOWN OF ANDOVER, MASS

AGENDA

Public participation via WebEx link. Email chris.marshall@andoverma.us for the meeting link.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Molly Bicking, Kimberly Rainen, Louise Hadad, Judy Trerotola, Tana Goldberg, Fran Walker, Thomas Rando, Jeff Kaplan, Ed Plowey, Paul MacKay

- 8:30 Call to Order
- Correspondence
 - Liaison Reports
 - Citizen Input on topics not on agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - April 8, 2021

8:35 Town Meeting Warrant

The Council on Aging Advisory Board to consider voting Committee to consider voting on:

Article 8B. Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation a sum not to exceed \$12,000 for the purpose of continuing to provide for an elderly and disabled transportation subsidy program, or take any other action related thereto.

The Council on Aging Advisory Board to consider voting Committee to consider voting on:

Article 22. Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption.

SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one, residential in the town of Andover there shall be an exemption from the property tax in an amount to be set annually by the Select Board as provided in section 3. The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. For the purposes of this act, "parcel" shall be a unit of real property as defined by the board of assessors under the deed for the property and shall include a condominium unit. The exemption provided for herein shall be in addition to any other exemptions allowed by the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Real property shall qualify for the exemption under this act if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by a person who qualified and received the circuit breaker income tax credit the previous year under subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws;
- (b) The qualifying real property is owned by a single applicant age 65 or older at the close of the previous year or owned jointly by persons either of whom is age 65 or above at the close of the previous year and if the joint applicant is 60 years of age or older;
- (c) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by the single applicant or joint applicants as their domicile;
- (d) The single applicant or at least 1 of the joint applicants has been domiciled and owned a home in the town of Andover for at least the 10 consecutive years preceding the filing of an application for the exemption;
- (e) The maximum prior year assessed value of the domicile is not greater than the prior year's maximum assessed value for qualification for the circuit breaker income tax credit under subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws as adjusted annually by the Department of Revenue; and
- (f) The board of assessors has approved the application.

SECTION 3. The Select Board shall annually set the exemption amount provided for in this act, provided that the amount of the exemption shall be up to a 100% match, and not less than a 50% match, of the amount of the circuit breaker income tax credit under subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws for which the applicant received in the previous year. The total amount exempted by this act shall be allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all residential taxpayers.

SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under this act shall, before the deadline established by the board of assessors, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the board of assessors, along with the supporting documentation of the filed income tax return of the applicant showing the circuit breaker tax credit. The application shall be filed each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption.

SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the department of revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the residential tax levy.

SECTION 6. The exemption provided for in this act shall begin in fiscal year 2023 and shall expire after five years; or take any other action with respect thereto.

8:40 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and The Robb Center

- Jemma Lambert

9:10 Robb Center Reopening Plan Update

9:20 Board Member Search Committee Update

- Molly Bicking

9:30 Establishment of By-Laws Review Committee (recommended amendments to be voted at June meeting)

- 9:30 Nomination of Officers (to be voted at June meeting according to bylaws)
- Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
- 9:40 Director's Report
- 10:00 Adjournment

Next Meeting June 10, 2021 at 8:30 am

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the **COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD** will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Members of the public who wish to ask a question on particular agenda items can do so by emailing chris_marshall@andoverma.us. Residents are encouraged to email their questions ahead of the meeting; however, staff will be available to present the Board with questions received during the meeting. Please include your name and address with your question.*

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