

Part I: Charter and Related Legislation

The Charter

TOWN CHARTER

An Act Establishing A Selectmen-Town Manager Plan For The Town Of Andover [Chap. 571]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

§ 1. Select Board.

At the first town election following the acceptance of this act the registered voters of the town of Andover shall elect five select board members of whom two shall serve for terms of three years, two for terms of two years, and one for a term of one year. At each annual town election thereafter the voters shall elect in place of those select board members whose terms are about to expire a like number of select board members to serve for terms of three years. When a vacancy occurs on the select board, the remaining board members may at any time before the next town election appoint a qualified person to serve as a select board member until such election, at which the voters shall elect a select board member to serve for the unexpired portion, if any, of the original term. The select board member in office at the time of the first election shall continue in office until the successor is elected and qualified.

The select board shall be the makers of policy of the town government, except as otherwise directed by statutes or by the town charter. The town manager shall be responsible for ensuring that the boards, officers and representatives of the town comply with policy determinations of the select board.

§ 2. Other Elected Officials.

In addition to the select board, the registered voters of the town shall continue to elect the following officials in accordance with any applicable statutes, by-laws and votes of the town:

- (a) A Moderator.
- (b) A school committee.
- (c) Elected Trustees of Punchard Free School.
- (d) Trustees of Cornell Fund.
- (e) Andover Housing Authority.

The term of office of any elective office, board or committee so continued, under this section, shall not be interrupted. Every other elective office, board or commission shall be terminated as hereinafter provided, any other provisions of law to the contrary notwithstanding. The term of office of any person elected to any office, board or commission existing at the time of such acceptance and terminated hereunder shall continue until such first town election and until the appointment and qualification of his successor, if any, and thereafter the said offices, boards and commissions shall be abolished and all powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed thereon by law, except as provided by this act, shall be conferred and imposed upon the select board and exercised by the town manager to the extent hereinafter provided. The powers, duties and responsibilities of elected officials shall be as now or hereafter provided by applicable statutes and by-laws and votes of the town, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

§ 3. Appointed Officials.

- (a) The select board shall appoint a town manager as provided in section six, who may thereafter be removed as provided in section eight.
- (b) The select board shall appoint a zoning board of appeals, officers and registrars of voters other than the town clerk, a town accountant, and may, after such notice and hearing as they may deem advisable, remove any person so appointed for cause.
- (c) The moderator shall appoint such boards, committees and officers, including a finance committee, as he may now or hereafter be directed to appoint by any applicable law, by-law or vote of the town.
- (d) The town manager shall appoint, subject to the approval of the select board, upon merit and fitness alone, and may, subject to the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws where applicable, remove for cause a town clerk, town treasurer, tax collector, a board of public health, a planning board, a board of assessors, a board of library trustees, a town counsel, and all other officers, boards, committees and employees of the town, with the exception of the elected officials specified in section two, and employees of such elected officials.

§ 4. Memberships, Terms, Powers, Duties and Responsibilities.

The number of members of boards, commissions and committees so appointed as provided in the preceding section, the length of the term of each member thereof and of officers so appointed, and the powers, duties and responsibilities of the same shall be as now or hereafter provided by any applicable law, by-law or vote of the town, except as herein otherwise provided. Upon appointment and qualification of the various officials as provided for in section three, the term of office and all powers and duties

of each person theretofore holding each such office shall cease and be terminated.

Officers, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the town manager shall possess all the powers and rights and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities specifically conferred or imposed by any applicable provision of law upon them or upon officers, boards, commissions or committees having corresponding powers and duties, but in the performance thereof they shall be subject to the general supervision of the town manager.

In the Charter, words in the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender.

§ 5. Multiple Offices.

A member of the select board, or of the school committee, or of the finance committee, shall during the term for which he was elected or appointed, be ineligible to hold any other elective or appointive town office or position. Any person elected or appointed to any other office, board, commission or committee under the provisions of this act or of any general or special law, shall be eligible, during his term of office, for election or appointment to any other town office, board, commission or committee, except that the town accountant shall not be eligible to hold the office of the town treasurer or town collector. Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the town shall undertake to construct or improve a school building or property, one member of the school committee and an administrative representative of the superintendent of schools shall be appointed by the school committee to serve on the school building committee to which the planning and construction or acquisition of such school building or property is delegated.

Subject to the approval of the select board the town manager may, but without additional compensation therefor, assume the powers, duties and responsibilities of any office which he is authorized to fill by appointment, such assumption to be evidenced by and effective upon the filing with the town clerk of a written declaration of such assumption signed by the town manager, except he shall not appoint himself as a member of any board or committee.

§ 6. Appointment of Town Manager.

The select board shall appoint, as soon as practicable after the first town election following acceptance of this act or after the occurrence of any vacancy, for a term of five years, a town manager who shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous full-time paid experience in a responsible administrative position in municipal government, to perform the duties of his office. The town manager shall be appointed without regard to his political beliefs. He need not be a resident of the town when appointed, but shall be a resident of the town during his term of office. He may be appointed for successive terms of office. No holder of elective office in the town shall within five years of holding such office be

eligible for appointment as town manager. Before entering upon the duties of his office the town manager shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial performance thereof by the town clerk, or by a justice of the peace. He shall execute a bond in favor of the town for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as may be fixed or approved by the select board, the premium for said bond to be paid by the town.

§ 7. Acting Manager.

The town manager may designate, by letter filed with the town clerk, a qualified officer of the town to perform his duties during his temporary absence or disability. Pending the appointment of a town manager or the filling of any vacancy or the failure of the town manager to designate a temporary manager, or during the suspension of the town manager, the select board shall appoint a suitable person to perform the duties of the office.

§ 8. Removal of Manager.

The select board, by a majority vote of the full membership of the board, may remove the town manager. Not less than 30 days before such proposed removal shall become effective, the select board shall file a preliminary resolution with the town clerk setting forth in detail the specific reasons for the proposed removal. A copy of the resolution shall be sent by registered mail to the town manager. The manager may reply in writing to the resolution and may request a public hearing. If the manager so requests, the select board shall hold a public hearing not earlier than 20 days nor later than 30 days after the filing of the request. After the public hearing, if any, or at the expiration of 30 days following the filing of the preliminary resolution, and after full consideration, the select board, by a majority vote of the full membership of the board, may adopt a final resolution of removal. The select board may suspend the manager from duty in the preliminary resolution but shall continue to pay the manager's salary until the expiration of 1 month after the date of the final resolution of removal.

§ 9. Compensation of Manager.

The town manager shall receive such compensation for his services as the select board shall determine, but it shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefor by the town.

§ 10. Powers and Duties of Manager.

In addition to other powers and duties expressly provided for in this act, the town manager shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) The town manager shall supervise and direct and shall be responsible for the efficient administration of all offices, boards and committees appointed by him and their respective departments. He shall, in addition, supervise and direct and shall be responsible for the efficient administration of any agency or activity of the town not subject to his

appointment or control, including the Andover Housing Authority, but only at such time and to such extent and for such period as the elected officials having control of such agency or activity may, with the consent of the select board, determine.

- (b) The town manager, in accordance with the provisions of this act and except as otherwise expressly prohibited by the General Laws, may reorganize, consolidate or abolish departments, commissions, boards or offices under his direction and supervision, in whole or in part, may establish such new departments, commissions, boards or offices as he deems necessary, and in so doing, may transfer the duties and powers, and, so far as possible in accordance with the vote of the town, the appropriation of one department, commission, board or office to another.
- (c) The town manager shall fix the compensation of all town officers and employees appointed by him, subject to any applicable provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws.
- (d) The town manager shall keep full and complete records of his office and shall render as often as may be required by the select board a full report of all operations during the period reported on.
- (e) The town manager shall keep the select board fully advised as to the needs of the town, and shall recommend to the select board for adoption such measures requiring action by them or by the town as he may deem necessary or expedient.
- (f) The town manager shall have jurisdiction over the rental and use of all town property, except schools. He shall be responsible for the maintenance and repairs of all town property, except school buildings and grounds. He shall be responsible for the preparation of plans and the supervision of work on all construction, reconstruction, alterations, improvements and other undertakings authorized by the town, subject, however, to the approval of the school committee with respect to plans for the construction or improvement of school buildings or property.
- (g) The town manager shall administer, either directly or through a person or persons appointed by him in accordance with this act, all provisions of general and special laws applicable to said town, all by-laws and all regulations established by the select board.
- (h) The town manager shall, with the approval of the select board, have the authority to prosecute, defend or compromise all litigation to which the town is a party.
- (i) The town manager shall perform such other duties consistent with his office as may be required of him by the by-laws or vote of the town or by the vote of the select board.
- (j) The town manager shall have access to all town books and papers for information necessary for the proper performance of his duties, and

may, without notice, cause the affairs of any department or activity under his control, or the conduct of any officer or employee thereof, to be examined.

- (k) The town manager shall purchase all supplies, materials and equipment except library books and related printed and audio-visual material, and shall award all contracts for all departments and activities of the town under his supervision; and he shall make all purchases, except school text-books, for departments or activities not under his supervision but only upon and in accordance with a requisition duly signed by the head of any such department.

§ 11. Investigation of Claims.

Whenever any pay roll, bill or other claim against the town is presented to the town manager, he shall, if the same seems to him to be of doubtful validity, excessive in amount, or otherwise contrary to the interests of the town, refer it to the select board, who shall immediately investigate the facts and determine what, if any, payment should be made. Pending such investigation and determination by the select board, payment shall be withheld.

§ 12. Approval of Warrants.

The town manager shall be the chief fiscal officer of the town. Warrants for the payment of town funds prepared by the town accountant, in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, shall be submitted to the town manager. The approval of any such warrant by the town manager, or in his absence the acting town manager, shall be sufficient authority to authorize payment by the town treasurer, but the select board shall approve all warrants in the event of the absence of the town manager, acting town manager or a vacancy in the office of town manager.

§ 13. Fees paid to Treasury.

The aggregate compensation of each town officer or employee appointed by the town manager shall be limited to the amount established in accordance with the provisions of this act, and all fees received in accordance with the provisions of any general or special law shall be paid into the treasury of the town.

§ 14. Certain Officers not to make Contracts with the Town.

It shall be unlawful for any select board member, the town manager, or any other elective or appointive official of the town, directly or indirectly, to make a contract with the town, or to receive any reward from, or any share in the profits of, any person or corporation making or performing such contract, unless the official concerned, immediately upon learning of the existence of such contract, or that such a contract is proposed, shall notify the select board and the town manager, by registered mail, of the contract and of the nature of his interest therein, and shall abstain from doing any

official act on behalf of the town in reference thereto. In case such interest exists on the part of an officer whose duty it is to make such a contract on behalf of the town, the contract may be made by another officer of the town duly authorized thereto by vote of the select board. Violation of any provision of this section shall render the contract in respect to which such violation occurs voidable at the option of the town. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 15. Estimate of Expenditures.

All boards, officers and committees, of the town shall annually, at the request of the town manager, submit to him in writing a detailed estimate of the appropriations required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments and offices during the next fiscal year. On or before a date established by a Town By-Law, the town manager shall submit to each member of the finance committee and of the select board a copy of his annual budget, which shall contain a careful, detailed estimate of the probable expenditures of the town for the ensuing fiscal year, including a statement of the amounts required to meet the interest and maturing bonds and notes or other indebtedness of the town, and showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each office, department and activity, together with a statement of the expenditures for the same purposes in the two preceding years and an estimate of expenditures for the current year. He shall also submit a statement showing all revenues received by the town in the two preceding years, together with an estimate of the receipts of the current year and an estimate of the amount of income from all sources of revenue exclusive of taxes upon property in the ensuing year. He shall also report to said committee and to the select board the probable amount required to be levied and raised by taxation to defray all of the proposed expenditures and liabilities of the town, together with an estimate of the tax rate necessary therefor.

§ 16. By-Laws, Rules, etc.

All laws, by-laws, votes, rules and regulations in force in the town of Andover on the effective date of this act, or any portion thereof, not inconsistent with its provisions, whether enacted by authority of the town or any other authority, shall continue in full force and effect until otherwise provided by law, by-law or vote; all other laws, by-laws, votes, rules and regulations, so far as they refer to the town of Andover, are hereby repealed and annulled, but such repeal shall not revive any pre-existing enactment.

§ 17. Contracts.

No contract existing and no action at law or suit in equity, or other proceeding pending at the time this act is accepted, or at the time of revocation of such acceptance, shall be affected by such acceptance or revocation.

§ 18. Submission of Act and Time of Taking Effect.

This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the town of Andover at the first annual town election after passage of this act. The vote shall be taken by ballot in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the following question, which shall be placed upon the ballot to be used at said election: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1956 entitled 'An act establishing a selectmen-town manager plan for the town of Andover' be accepted by the town?" If a majority of the voters voting on this question vote in the affirmative, said act shall take effect immediately for the purpose of the next annual town election, and for all things relating thereto, and shall take full effect beginning with said following election. It shall be the duty of all town officials having to do with elections and holding office at the time of acceptance to do, in compliance with law, all things necessary for the nomination and election of officers first to be elected under this act.

If this act is rejected when first submitted it shall again be submitted at the next following annual town election, and if accepted shall take effect as hereinbefore provided.

If this act is rejected for the second time it shall be again submitted at the annual town election in the year 1959, and if accepted shall take effect as hereinbefore provided. If this act is again rejected when so submitted for the third time, it shall thereupon become void.

§ 19. Revocation of Acceptance.

At any time after the expiration of three years from the date of acceptance of this act, and not less than 90 days before the date of an annual meeting, a petition signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters of the town may be filed with the select board, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. No such petition shall be valid unless notice thereof shall be published by the select board for at least two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the town, the last publication to be at least 30 days prior to said annual meeting. The select board shall thereupon direct the town clerk to cause the said question to be printed on the official ballot to be used at the next annual election in the following form: "Shall the acceptance by the town of Andover of an act passed by the General Court in the year 1956, entitled 'An act establishing a selectmen-town manager plan for the town of Andover' be revoked?" If such revocation is favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon, this act shall cease to be operative on and after the annual meeting next following such vote. All general laws respecting town administration and town officers, and any special laws relative to said town, the operation of which has been suspended or superseded by acceptance of this act, shall be revived by such revocation and shall continue to be in full force and effect. By-laws, votes, rules and regulations in force when such revocation takes effect, so far as they are consistent with the general laws respecting town administration and town officers and with special laws relating to said

town, shall not be affected thereby, but any other by-laws, votes, rules and regulations inconsistent with such general or special laws shall be annulled. If such revocation is not favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon, no further petition therefor shall be filed under this section oftener than once in every three years thereafter.

Approved July 26, 1956.

Revised March 4, 1974

Chapter RA

REGULATIONS AND ACTS ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN

§ RA-1. Regulations and acts accepted by the Town.

Year	Statute or Act	Subject	Town Meeting Date
1885	Acts of 1885 Chapter 309	Licensing groves for picnics and amusements	TM August 1885
1886	Acts of 1886 Chapter 51, Sections 1-9	Betterments	ATM March 1886
1887	Acts of 1887 Chapter 439	Water supply	TM December 1887
1889	Acts of 1886 Chapter 264	Voting precincts	ATM March 1889
1890	Acts of 1890 Chapter 27, Sections 64-68	Choosing of Selectmen and Assessors	ATM March 1890
1890	Acts of 1890 Chapter 50, Section 20-23	Sidewalk betterments	ATM March 1890
1895	Acts of 1895 Chapter 386	Authorizing construction of sewerage system	ATM March 1895
1896	Acts of 1882 Chapter 154 (as amended by Acts of 1890 Chapter 240)	Public parks	ATM March 1896
1896	Acts of 1895 Chapter 374	Administration of highways under Highway Surveyor	ATM March 1896
1906	Revised Laws Chapter 104 Sections 1, 2, 4-12	Building laws	ATM March 1906
1907	Acts of 1907 Chapter 260	Theological seminary	
1908	Acts of 1907 Chapter 560, Section 359	Moderator	STM April 1908

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1909	Acts of 1908 Chapter 209	Protection of forest or sprout lands from fire	ATM March 1909
1911	Revised Laws Chapter 104	Building permits	ATM March 1911
1912	Acts of 1912 Chapter 503	Pensioning laborers	Ballot question, November 5, 1912
1913	Acts of 1912 Chapter 345	Establishing Board of Public Works	ATM March 1913
1913	Acts of 1912 Chapter 447	Veterans retirement	ATM March 1913
1914	Acts of 1911 Chapter 494	Eight-hour day	ATM March 1914
1914	Acts of 1913 Chapter 807	Workmen's compensation	ATM March 1914
1914	Acts of 1914 Chapter 217	Laborers' vacations	Ballot question number one/ election November 3, 1914
1914	Acts of 1914 Chapter 688	Saturday half holiday	Ballot question number two/ election November 3, 1914
1914	Acts of 1914 Chapter 790	Primaries, party enrollment	Ballot question number three/ election November 3, 1914
1916	Acts of 1913 Chapter 655	Appoint committee on building laws	ATM March 1916
1919	Acts of 1916 Chapter 294	Motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire	ATM March 1919
1919	Acts of 1909 Chapter 423	Sunday sales	ATM March 1919
1919	Acts of 1919 Chapter 132	Two-platoon system	Ballot question November 4, 1919
1919	Acts of 1919 Chapter 311	Continuation schools for employed minors	Ballot question November 4, 1919
1920	Acts of 1920 Chapter 475	Construction of bridge	STM July 1920
1921	G.L. Chapter 94 Section 120	Slaughtering license fee	ATM March 1921

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1921	G.L. Chapter 39 Section 20	Voting precincts and holding Annual Town Meeting	STM November 1921
1923	Acts of 1923 Chapter 69	Construction of outfall sewer for sewage disposal	ATM March 1923
1924	G.L. Chapter 48 Sections 42-44	Fire Chief	ATM March 1924
1924	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 12	Pomps Pond public baths	ATM March 1924
1926	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 25A	Assistant Assessors Board of Survey	ATM March 1926
1926	G.L. Chapter 41 Sections 70-72	Planning Board	ATM March 1926
1928	G.L. Chapter 41 Sections 73-81	Board of Survey	ATM March 1928
1929	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 35	Accounting system	ATM March 1929
1931	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 55	Town Accountant	STM January 1931
1935	G.L. Chapter 31 Sections 48, 49	Placing Police Department and call fire members under civil service	ATM March 1935
1936	G.L. Chapter 32 Sections 26-31H	Contributory retirement pensions	Ballot question number 2/election November 3, 1936
1938	Acts of 1937 Chapter 77	Absentee voting	ATM March 1938
1939	G.L. Chapter 147 Section 13A	Establishing reserve police force	ATM March 1939
1944	G.L. Chapter 139 Sections 1, 2, 3	Burned and hazardous buildings	ATM March 1944
1945	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 6C	Snow plowing from private ways open to public	Ballot question, March 5, 1945
1945	Acts of 1945	Removal of Call Firemen from Civil Service Regulations	ATM March 1945
1946	G.L. Chapter 48, as amended by Chapter 638 of Acts of 1941	Hours of permanent firemen	ATM March 1946

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1946	Acts of 1945 Chapter 131	Removal of Call Firemen from Civil Service Regulations	ATM March 1946
1947	Acts of 1947 Chapter 653	Establish Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District	Ballot question November 2, 1948; not carried (yes — 1,179; no — 4,261)
1947	Acts of 1946 Chapter 559	Increases in pensions to retired	ATM March 1947
1948	G.L. Chapter 121 Section 26K	Authorize Selectmen to appoint Housing Authority	STM May 1948
1948	Acts of 1941 Chapter 346	Removal of vehicles, snow and ice on ways	ATM March 1948
1948	Acts of 1947 Chapter 615	One-year increase in pensions to retired before January 1, 1946	ATM March 1948
1949	G.L. Chapter 48 Section 58B	Fire Department, fifty-six-hour week	ATM March 1949
1949	Acts of 1948 Chapter 588	Increase (\$200) in pensions to retired	ATM March 1949
1950	G.L. Chapter 140 Section 132-136	Smoke nuisance prevention	ATM March 1950
1951	Acts of 1950 Chapter 820 (amending G.L. Chapter 32, Sections 89 and 89A)	Increase in pension benefits to certain former public employees	ATM March 1951
1951	Acts of 1950 Chapter 783 (amending G.L. Chapter 32, Section 25)	Increasing retirement allowances to retired after January 1, 1946 with minimum allowance	ATM March 1951
1952	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 6B	Uniforms for Fire Department and Police Department	ATM March 1952

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1952	Acts of 1951 Chapter 781	Increasing retirement allowance for retired prior to November 1, 1949	ATM March 1952
1953	Acts of 1952 Chapter 624	Increasing retirement allowances and annuities to retired before April 1, 1951	ATM March 1953
1954	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81A	Planning Board, adopted changes	ATM March 1954
1954	G.L. Chapter 85 Section 11A	Bicycle registration	ATM March 1954
1955	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81D	Master Plan	STM March 1955
1955	Acts of 1947 Chapter 265	Closing of public offices on Saturdays	ATM March 1955
1956	G.L. Chapter 40 Sections 42G-42I	Special assessment for water pipes	ATM March 1956
1956	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81Z	Establish Planning Board of Appeals	ATM March 1956
1956	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8A (as amended by Acts of 1955 Chapter 102)	Establishing Development and Industrial Commission	ATM March 1956
1956	G.L. Chapter 136 Sections 21-25	Sunday sports	STM October 1956
1956	Acts of 1956 Chapter 489	United fund payroll deductions	STM October 1956
1958	Acts of 1956 Chapter 571	Town Manager plan established	ATM March 1958
1958	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 38A	Tax Collector under title of Town Collector to collect accounts owed town	ATM March 1958
1958	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 6F	Repairing private ways	ATM March 1958
1959	G.L. Chapter 32B	Insurance for town employees	Ballot question March 2, 1959

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1959	Acts of 1958 Chapter 516	Withdraw from Essex County Mosquito Control	STM June 1959
1960	G.L. Chapter 142 Section 13	Plumbing bylaws adopted	ATM March 1960
1960	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8C	Conservation Commission established	ATM March 1960
1960	G.L. Chapter 136 Section 4B	Licenses for bowling alleys on Lord's Day	ATM March 1960
1960	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 65	Advanced vacation pay to town employees	STM June 1960
1961	Acts of 1960 Chapter 467	Increase pensions former public employees	ATM March 1961
1962	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22D	Towing of vehicles	ATM March 1962
1963	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5B	Stabilization fund established	ATM March 1963
1963	Acts of 1960 Chapter 737	Inspector of Gas appointed	ATM March 1963
1963	G.L. Chapter 48 Section 58B	Forty-eight-hour week for Fire Department	Ballot question number 1, March 9, 1963
1963	Acts of 1960 Chapter 330	Regional school district established	Ballot question March 9, 1963
1964	G.L. Chapter 91 Section 29 (as amended by 5 AO 1955)	Town will assume liability for damages by public works (Rogers Brook)	ATM March 1964
1964	Acts of 1963 Chapter 478	Increase pensions retired before January 1, 1963	ATM March 1964
1964	Acts of 1964 Chapter 684	Placing officers and positions in DPW under civil service	Ballot question November 3, 1964
1966	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5, CI. 51	Conservation Fund created	ATM March 1966

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1966	G.L. Chapter 40 Sections 42A-42F	Water rates and service charges collection	ATM March 1966
1966	G.L. Chapter 40 Sections 5, CL. 49	Establish Local Council on Aging	ATM March 1966
1967	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22D (amended)	Towing of vehicles	STM August 1967
1968	G.L. Chapter 152 Section 69	Authorize Selectmen to designate elected or appointed officers except Selectmen, firemen or policemen	STM October 1968
1968	G.L. Chapter 152 Section 69	Inclusion of all town employees except police and fire within Workmen's Compensation Act	STM October 1968
1968	Acts of 1967 Chapter 772	Industrial developmental financing authority	ATM March 1968
1969	G.L. Chapter 90 Section 18A	Pedestrian rules and regulations for use of ways by pedestrians	ATM March 1969
1969	Acts of 1966 Chapter 272	Firefighters may reside outside of town	STM October 1969
1969	Acts of 1968 Chapter 548 Section 8C	Fluoridate water supply	ATM March 1970
1970	G.L. Chapter 48 Section 57B	Members of AFD excused from duty without loss of pay while attending union conferences	STM October 1970
1970	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8D	Established Historical Commission	ATM March 1970
1971	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53C	Expenditure of moneys for off-duty details of police officers	ATM March 1971

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1971	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 44A	Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Commission appointed	ATM March 1971
1971	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 99	Advance payments of retirement allowances to town employees authorized	ATM March 1971
1971	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 111D	Vacations for permanent police and fire forces in certain towns	ATM March 1971
1972	G.L. Chapter 48 Section 58D	Forty-two-hour workweek for permanent members of Fire Department	Ballot question number 10, November 7, 1972
1972	Act of 1971 Chapter 486	License granted for operation of beano	ATM March 1972
1972	G.L. Chapter 40A Section 20	Appeals (reconsideration of variances or special permit)	ATM March 1972
1972	G.L. Chapter 40A Section 8	Reconsideration of a proposed change in zoning	ATM March 1972
1973	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8G	Mutual aid program APD	ATM April 1973
1973	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 13	Municipal buildings insurance fund	ATM April 1973
1974	Acts of 1973 Chapter 230	Exempting DPW Director and other DPW officers from civil service	ATM April 1974
1974	Acts of 1973 Chapter 182	Exempting Superintendents of Highways and Forestry from civil service	ATM April 1974
1974	G.L. Chapter 31 Section 47B	Janitors of school buildings placed within civil service	ATM April 1974

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1974	G.L. Chapter 138 Section 33A	Sales on Sundays and holidays of alcoholic beverages by licensees regulated by local licensing authorities	ATM April 1974
1974	Ballot vote	Charter amendment, new date for annual budget	ATM April 1974
1974	Ballot vote	Charter amendment, Selectmen to be policy makers	ATM April 1974
1974	G.L. Chapter 90 Section 20C	Selectmen authorized to establish by rule or regulation a schedule of fines for offenses subject to aforesaid	STM October 1974
1974	Acts of 1974 Chapter 295	Authorizing North Reading to acquire land in Andover to protect water system	
1974	Acts of 1975 Chapter 246	Board of Selectmen to appoint Andover representation to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	ATM April 1974
1975	Acts of 1975 Chapter 360	Exempting certain engineering positions in DPW from civil service	ATM April 1975
1975	Acts of 1974 Chapter 117	License granted for conducting of beano	Ballot question March 31, 1975
1975	G.L. Chapter 90 Section 20D	Mutilation of parking tickets	ATM April 1975
1978	G.L. Chapter 40 D Section 2	Established industrial developmental financing authority	STM April 1978

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1978	G.L. Chapter 32B Section 9E	Increase coverage medical insurance held by town employees	STM April 1978
1978	G.L. Chapter 161B	Joining Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority and authorizing Selectmen to take action	ATM April 1978
1978	G.L. Chapter 83 Sections 16A, 16B, 16C, 16I, 16E, 16F	Provisions for assessing sewer liens and collection thereof	STM October 1978
1978	Acts of 1977	Exempting DPW office manager, clerks, stenographers and administrative assistants from civil service	ATM April 1978
1978	Acts of 1975 Chapter 808	Zoning amendments	ATM April 1978
1979	Acts of 1980 Chapter 72	Exempting school custodians from civil service	STM October 1979
1980	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 20 Subdiv. 4, para. c 1/2 and f 1/2	Compensation, Retirement Board	ATM April 1980
1980	Acts of 1979 Chapter 455	Exempting all positions in DPW from civil service	ATM April 1980
1981	Acts of 1980 Chapter 217	Amending bidding law	ATM June 1981
1981	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 5D	Pension funding	ATM June 1981
1981	Acts of 1981 Chapter 350	Exempting Gas and Plumbing Inspectors from civil service	ATM May 1981
1982	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E	Allocating certain anticipated receipts	ATM April 1982

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1982	Acts of 1982 Chapter 530, Section 1	Authorizing Andover to sell and convey or lease and lease back certain property for office use	ATM April 1982
1982	G.L. Chapter 33 Section 59	No loss of pay or vacation to municipal employees in armed services while on duty	ATM April 1982
1982	G.L. Chapter 90 Section 20A1/2	Parking regulations, violations, schedule of fines, etc.	ATM April 1982
1982	G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5(17c) (as amended by Acts of 1981 Chapter 743)	Real estate tax exemptions	STM November 1982
1983	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53D	Revolving fund, Council on Aging	ATM April 1983
1983	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 108L	Police, college credits	ATM April 1983
1985	Acts of 1982 Chapter 597	Excise tax exemption for former prisoners of war	ATM April 1985
1985	Acts of 1982 Chapter 634, G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5(37A)	Real estate tax exemption for the blind	ATM April 1985
1986	G.L. Chapter 64G Section 3A	Hotel-motel local room occupancy excise tax	ATM April 1986
1986	Acts of 1984 Chapter 477	Exempting municipal purchases from public bidding laws when purchasing equipment and materials from other governmental agencies	ATM April 1986

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1986	Acts of 1985 Chapter 308	Assume responsibility and liability for dog licensing, control and regulation	ATM April 1986
1986	Acts of 1985 Chapter 188 Section 13	Professional development grants for teachers	ATM April 1986
1986	Acts of 1985 Chapter 188 Section 16	Minimum teacher salary	ATM April 1986
1986	Acts of 1985 Chapter 70A	Equal educational opportunity grant	ATM April 1986
1987	G.L. Chapter 71 Section 71E	Revolving fund. Moneys derived from use of school facilities	ATM April 1987
1987	G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17D and 41C	Real estate tax exemptions for surviving spouses, minors with deceased parents or certain elderly	STM July 1987
1988	G.L. Chapter 71 Section 40	Teachers' minimum wages	ATM April 1988
1988	Acts of 1987 Chapter 697 Sections 31, 33, 64, and 107	Pension reform	ATM April 1988
1988	G.L. Chapter 70A Section 1	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	ATM April 1988
1988	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D	Noncriminal disposition of certain violations	ATM April 1988
1988	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22	Regulations of carriages, taxicabs, etc.	ATM April 1988
1989	G.L. Chapter 41 Section 41B	Payment of public employees by direct bank deposits	ATM April 1989

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1989	Acts of 1988 Chapter 245, amending G.L. Chapter 41 Section 81U	Expenditure of default funds	ATM April 1989
1989	Acts of 1988 Chapter 126, amending Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1990	ATM April 1989
1989	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 57	Grant or renewal of licenses as affected by nonpayment of local taxes	ATM April 1989
1990	G.L. Chapter 70A Section 1	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	STM March 1990
1990	Acts of 1989 Chapter 653 Section 41	Quarterly property tax billing	STM March 1990
1990	Acts of 1989 Chapter 653 Section 40	Change in assessment date for property tax billing	STM March 1990
1990	G.L. Chapter 70A Section 1	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	ATM June 1990
1990	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1991	ATM June 1990
1991	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 90G 3/4	Full retirement benefits for town employees working past age 70	ATM April 1991
1991	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 90J	Paid annual physical exams for town employees working past age 70	ATM April 1991
1991	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 13C	Workers' compensation claims reserve fund	ATM April 1991

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1991	G.L. Chapter 70A Section 1	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	ATM April 1991
1991	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1992	ATM April 1991
1991	Acts of 1990 Chapter 291	Enhanced 911 service	ATM April 1991
1992	G.L. Chapter 70A Section 1	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	ATM April 1992
1992	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1993	ATM April 1992
1992	Acts of 1991 Chapter 138 Section 126, amending G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41A	Maximum gross receipts level for property tax deferrals for financial hardship for eligible individuals, fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992	ATM April 1992
1992	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53F	Authorizing Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements for banking services for maximum 3-year period beginning July 1, 1992	ATM April 1992

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1992	G.L. Chapter 80 Section 13B	Deferral of betterment assessments for qualified property owners eligible for tax deferrals under G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41A	ATM April 1992
1992	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Appropriations for agency operating costs to be offset by estimated receipts from fees	ATM April 1992
1993	G.L. Chapter 70A	Equal educational opportunity grants (Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School)	ATM April 1993
1993	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1994	ATM April 1993
1993	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Community services revolving account	ATM April 1993
1993	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1993
1993	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 22D, as amended, and Acts of 1992 Chapter 133 Section 48, as amended	Early retirement incentive program	ATM April 1993
1994	G.L. Chapter 70A	Equal Educational Opportunity Grant	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 73 Section 4, Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126, Acts of 1988	Additional 1995 property tax exemption for persons who qualify for an exemption under G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5	ATM April 1994

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1994	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 55E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53F1/2	Establishing an enterprise fund for the Department of Public Works Water Division operations	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53F1/2	Establishing an enterprise fund for the Department of Public Works Sewer Division operations	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 138 Section 33B	Allowing the Board of Selectmen to authorize licensees to sell alcoholic beverages certain days and hours	ATM April 1994
1994	G.L. Chapter 71 Section 83 of the Acts of 1993, as amended	Early retirement incentive program for teachers	ATM April 1994
1994	Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1993	Denial or suspension of licenses or permits for failure to pay taxes	ATM April 1994
1995	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1996	ATM April 1995
1995	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1995
1995	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1995

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1995	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Municipal Maintenance revolving account	ATM April 1995
1995	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Council on Aging revolving account	ATM April 1995
1995	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing Town Manager to solicit and award contracts	ATM April 1995
1995	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 8J	Establishing a Commission on Disabilities	ATM April 1995
1996	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1997	ATM April 1996
1996	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1996
1996	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1996
1996	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Municipal Maintenance revolving account	ATM April 1996
1996	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Municipal Maintenance revolving account	ATM April 1996
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1996	Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1996	Provide certain public employees creditable retirement service time for active service in the Armed Forces of the United States	STM October 1996
1997	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemptions for fiscal year 1998	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Municipal Maintenance revolving account	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing an elder services revolving account	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing Town Manager to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years	ATM April 1997
1997	G.L. Chapter 60 Section 3C	Establishing a Town of Andover Scholarship Fund and means of contribution; establishing an Andover Scholarship Committee; authorizing means of initial financing and expenditure	ATM April 1997

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1998	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Property tax exemption for fiscal year 1999	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Plant and Facilities revolving account	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing an elder services revolving account	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing Town Manager to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years	ATM April 1998
1998	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 103	Relative to cost-of-living adjustment for retirees	ATM April 1998
1999	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126 Section 5	Allowing additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2000	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning revolving account for legal services	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning, health division, revolving account for clinical supplies	ATM April 1999

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1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community development and planning, health division, revolving account	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a community services revolving account	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a youth services revolving account	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing a Department of Plant and Facilities revolving account	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing an elder services revolving account	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years	ATM April 1999
1999	G.L. Chapter 32 Sections 102(g) and 103(h), as amended by Chapter 456 Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Acts of 1998	Providing for cost-of-living adjustments for noncontributory retirees, spouses or other beneficiaries	ATM May 1999
1999	Acts of 1998 Chapter 194 Section 288	Accepting provisions concerning Option C Pop-Up provision of Chapter 32	ATM May 1999
2000	Acts of 1986 Chapter 73 Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988 Chapter 126	Allowing additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2001	ATM April 2000

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2000	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years	ATM April 2000
2000	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing various revolving funds for certain town departments	ATM April 2000
2000	Acts of 1998 Chapter 166	Voluntary contributions to establish a town aid to the elderly and disabled taxation fund	ATM April 2000
2000	G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5K	Program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the town to reduce their real property tax obligation	ATM April 2000
2000	G.L. Chapter 32 Section 103	Authorize Andover Retirement Board to pay 3% cost-of-living allowance annually to retirees	ATM April 2000
2000	G.L. Chapter 59 Section 59A	Massachusetts Brown -fields Act, tax agreements	ATM May 2000
2001	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2002	ATM April 2001
2001	G.L. Chapter 31 Section 58A	Age restrictions on eligibility requirements for applicants for the position of firefighter or police officer	ATM April 2001

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2001	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years	ATM April 2001
2001	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Establishing various revolving funds for certain town departments	ATM April 2001
2002	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2003	ATM April 2002
2002	G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22F	Allowing municipal boards or officers to fix reasonable fees for licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remains with the Town and may fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the Town or any department thereof. Any fees adopted under this section shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen and will supersede fees or charges in effect.	ATM April 2002

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2002	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years but not to exceed five years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate	ATM April 2002
2002	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Authorizing various revolving funds for the following Town departments: Community Development and Planning; Health Division; Health Clinic; Division of Community Services; Division of Youth Services; Field Maintenance; Division of Elder Services; and Public Safety	ATM April 2002
2003	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2004	ATM April 2003

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2003	G.L. Chapter 30B Section 12(b)	Authorizing the Town Manager or Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years but not to exceed five years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate	ATM April 2003
2003	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2	Authorizing various revolving funds for the following Town departments: Community Development and Planning; Health Division; Health Clinic; Division of Community Services; Division of Youth Services; Field Maintenance; Division of Elder Services; and Public Safety	ATM April 2003
2003	G.L. Chapter 32B Section 9I	Payment of health insurance premiums of Town employees on military leave of absence for active service	ATM April 2003

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2003	Acts of 2002, Chapter 184, Section 51, amending G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C	To adjust the income and asset requirements seniors must meet to qualify for the exemption; and the amount of the exemption the Town may grant to eligible seniors; and the requisite age of eligibility, all beginning Fiscal Year 2004	ATM April 2003
2004	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	To allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2005 for those persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2004

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2004	Acts of 2003, Chapter 137, Section 1	Authorization to pay an employee who has been granted a military leave of absence because that employee is a member of the Army/Air Force National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States called to active service in the Armed Forces of the United States after September 11, 2001, his/her base salary less any amount received for his/her active military service. This provision expires by law on September 11, 2005	ATM April 2004
2005	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	To allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2006 for those persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2005
2005	G.L. Chapter 44 Section 55C	Establishing a municipal affordable housing trust fund	ATM May 2005
2006	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	To allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2006 for those persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under M.G.L. c. 59 § 5	ATM April 2006

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2006	Acts of 2005, Chapter 157, Section 1	Provision of an additional yearly benefit of \$15 for each year of creditable service or fraction thereof thereof, up to a maximum yearly benefit of \$300 to accidental disability retiree who is also a veteran	ATM April 2006
2006	Acts of 2005, Chapter 157, Section 2	Provision of benefit accepted in Section 1 retroactively to retiree's date of retirement	ATM April 2006
2007	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2008 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2007
2007	G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D	Authorizing members of Town boards, commissions and committees that hold adjudicatory hearings to vote on a matter if they have missed not more than one meeting	ATM April 2007

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2007	G.L. Chapter 44B, Sections 3 to 7	Community Preservation Act; approving surcharge of 1% on real property and accepting exemptions for low-income and low-and moderate-income senior housing and for \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property	ATM April 2007
2007	G.L. Chapter 41, Section 100B	Indemnification of police officers and fire fighters who have retired on an accidental disability and who continue to incur medical expenses on and after retirement as a result of such on-the-job injury	ATM April 2007
2007	Acts of 2006, Chapter 55(d)ii	Increase in accidental death benefit for surviving children to an amount equal to benefit provided for in M.G.L. ch. 32 § 7(2)(a)(iii) for accidental disability retirees	ATM April 2007
2008	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2009 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2008

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2008	M.G.L. c. 43D, as amended pursuant to Acts of 2006, Chapter 205, Section 11	Approving the filing of application with the Interagency Permitting Board for designation of land at 1350 South Street (Map 184, Parcel 1, 35.08 acres) and 1350R South Street (Map 184, Parcel 2, 5.89 acres) as a priority development site	ATM April 2008
2009	M.G.L. c. 32B, § 18A	Authorization of Town to require all retirees, their spouses and dependents to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town	ATM May 2009
2009	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2010 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2009
2009	M.G.L. c. 71, § 16G1/2	Establishment of stabilization fund for Greater Lawrence Technical School	ATM May 2009

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2009	M.G.L. c. 43D, as amended, pursuant to Acts of 2006, Chapter 205, Section 11	Approval of filing of application with the Interagency Permitting Board for designation of land at 1 Riverside Drive, 2 Tech Drive, 40 Shattuck Road, 300 Minuteman Road, 300 Brick Square, 160 Dascomb Road, 300 Federal Street and 800 Federal Street as priority development site	ATM May 2009
2009	M.G.L. c. 64G, § 3A	Increase local room occupancy excise tax to 6%	STM August 2009
2009	M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a)	Impose a local meals tax	STM October 2009
2010	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2011 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2010
2010	Acts of 2008, Chapter 479	An Act Providing for the Establishment of Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Funds for Municipalities	ATM April 2010
2011	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2012 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2011
2011	Acts of 2010, Chapter 131, Sections 27 and 28	Increasing the benefit provided in M.G.L. c. 32, § 101, to \$9,000 per year	ATM April 2011

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2012	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2013 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2012
2012	Acts of 2011, Chapter 176, Sections 29 and 30	Amend M.G.L. c. 32, 12(2)(d) to increase benefit provided therein to \$6,000 per year	ATM April 2012
2013	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2014 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2013
2014	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2015 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2014
2015	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2016 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2015
2016	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2017 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2016

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2016	M.G.L. c. 71, § 71E	Allowing all moneys received by the School Department in connection with the conduct of academic summer school programs, including but not limited to continuing education and online academic programs	ATM May 2016
2017	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2018 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM May 2017
2017	M.G.L. c. 44, § 53F3/4	Establishing the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund	ATM May 2017
2017	Acts of 2008, Chapter 479	Re-accepting An Act Providing for the Establishment of Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Funds for Municipalities	ATM May 2017
2018	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2019 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2018
2019	Acts of 1986, Chapter 73, Section 4, as amended by Acts of 1988, Chapter 126	Allowing an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2020 for those persons who qualify under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5	ATM April 2019

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2019	Acts of 2019, Chapter 145	Charter amendment, making the Charter gender neutral	ATM April 2019