

Board of Assessors Meeting  
September 14, 2017

### Request from Senior, Low-Income, Disabled Tax Relief Committee

Reduce age threshold to qualify for 41C exemption from 70 to 65 years old.

Current exemption: \$1000

Current 41C exemption requirements:

	Income Limits	Asset Limits
Single	\$26,935	\$54,097
Married	\$40,403	\$74,382
70 years old or more		
MA resident for 10 years		

Westford Residents	Population	41C Recipients (FY17)	Ratio
Aged 70+	2072	37	1.8%
Aged 65-69	719	12.8 estimated	1.8%

Goal: reduce percentage of income used for real estate taxes

Average Westford	6.8%
Average 41C/low income	12.5% and higher

Why now?

- Only current option to help more people without new legislation.
- Focus on helping those with very low-income and low assets.
- Help incrementally more people who are struggling to stay in their home in Westford.
- Get more help now.