

SPECIMEN BALLOT

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BALLOT QUESTION

QUESTION 1:

"Shall the Town of Lakeville accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?"

"Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), establishes a dedicated funding source to enable the Town to:

- (1) acquire, create and preserve open space;
- (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources;
- (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use;
- (4) acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and
- (5) rehabilitate or restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created with Community Preservation Funds.

In LAKEVILLE, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and any matching funds provided by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the Act will take effect on July 1, 2022 and the following will be exempt from the surcharge:

- (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing;
- (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and
- (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said chapter 59.

A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by Town of Lakeville General Bylaws to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to town meeting on spending the funds.

YES ☐

NO ☐

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT