

## Abington Taxpayers Protection Group

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### Attention All Taxpayers: Abington Taxpayers Protection Group formed in Opposition of the Proposition 2 ½ Override Ballot Question on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

A group of concerned Abington taxpayers has formed a committee to work to defeat the \$1.7 million Proposition 2 ½ override. The override election is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. Mary Jo Franey chairs the committee, Abington Taxpayers Protection Group.

“We don’t believe this is the time to be seeking to raise people’s property taxes beyond what is allowed under Proposition 2 ½ . Over the last four years, the taxpayers of Abington have stepped forward in approving debt exclusions for the new police station and senior center as well as for a new roof on the ECC and new windows at the ECC and High School. Abington taxpayers pay the third highest residential property tax rate of the 28 cities and towns in Plymouth County . In the last three years, the average real estate tax bill has increased over 13% in Abington. The state has just put through a 25% increase in the sales tax and there is talk of a gas tax increase. The tax burden on our residents is extremely difficult and a \$1.7 million override will only make that burden even more difficult” said Mrs. Franey in explaining one of the reasons the group was formed.

“We don’t believe an override will solve our problems long term. Two years ago the town used \$540,000.00 from the stabilization account to balance the budget. Last year the voters of the town approved a \$650,000.00 general override and used \$350,000.00 from the town’s stabilization account to balance the budget. We can’t continue to dig ourselves into this type of a hole” said Mrs. Franey.

Anyone interested in joining Abington Taxpayers Protection Group may contact Mrs. Franey at 781-878-1238 or email us at [ATPG2009@aol.com](mailto:ATPG2009@aol.com). Contributions in support of this effort are being accepted. Please make your check made payable to Abington Taxpayers Protection Group, c/o Sue Kramer, 210 Summer Street, Abington , MA 02351 .

