

We are writing on behalf of the Abington Taxpayers Protection Group. This committee was formed to defeat the \$1.7 million Proposition 2-1/2 override at the July 25th election.

For the past few years, the town budgets have been in a runaway mode. Two years ago they used \$540,000 from the stabilization fund to balance the budget.

Last year they required an additional \$340,000 from the stabilization fund and also a \$650,000 Proposition 2-1/2 override.

In the last 3 years our property taxes have gone up 13%, not the 7.5% (2.5%/yr) that Proposition 2-1/2 tried to limit. Abington has the third highest tax rate in Plymouth County.

With a 2.5% increase, plus the debt, the taxes on a \$300,000 house are expected to increase \$102.80. The override will add an additional \$259.74, bringing the total increase to \$362.54, more than tripling the tax increase.

The Water and Sewer departments are self-funded, so they are not part of this un-balanced budget. However, in case you didn't notice, effective July 1st, 2009, the Sewer rates went up **43%**! The Water department says they are not raising their rates, yet! If taxpayers don't complain about a 43% increase in the sewer bills, why not raise the water rates?

The polls are open Saturday, July 25, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Whether you vote Yes, or vote No, please Vote. And if you agree that enough is enough, we hope you **VOTE NO!**