

**Board of Assessors Agenda
Joint Meeting with Select Board
Town Hall, Donn B Griffin Room, 732 Main St., Harwich, MA
Monday, November 24, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.**

I. **Call to Order:** 6:42pm

II. **Present:**

Board Members Present: Richard Waystack, Bruce Nightingale, Jay Kavanaugh, Carlene Jones, Madison Griben

Select Board Members Present: Don Howell, Jeffrey Handler, Peter Piekarski, Mark Kelleher, Anita Doucette, Tony Schaivi, Jen Clarke

III. **Joint Meeting with Select Board and Board of Assessors**

A. Classification Hearing - for the purpose of deciding whether all property should be taxed at the same rate for Fiscal Year 2026 as set forth in Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Law.

Mr. Waystack discussed that the board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend to vote a residential factor of “1”, referencing our meeting the prior week regarding the residential exemption with discussions of our small commercial industry in Harwich. He also discussed how the board of assessors stance has not changed for last year.

Public Comment: John Chorey asked how much money the town is losing in taxes because of non-profit property and about PILOT programs. Mr. Waystack noted the assessors are not in charge of PILOTs.

Select board member Piekarski, moved to support the Board of Assessors’ motions as follows:

- 1) Vote a residential factor of “1”
- 2) Not to grant an open space discount
- 3) Not to grant a residential exemption
- 4) Not to grant a small business exemption

Selectboard member Handler seconded.

Select board all in favor 5-0

Mr. Waystack reminded all of the tax bill coming out soon with FY2026 assessment on it. Then, discussed the abatement application period and that there will be no exceptions for late filing.

IV. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nightingale made a motion to adjourn at 7:01PM and it was seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, so voted.