

**Village of Westhampton Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 7 p.m.**

MANDATE RELIEF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, New York State leads the nation in local property taxes, in large part because New York leads the nation in imposing unfunded mandates upon local municipalities and school districts; and

WHEREAS, in response to New York's property tax crisis, the Governor and members of the New York State Legislature enacted legislation imposing a limit on the annual growth of the tax levy; and

WHEREAS, unfunded and underfunded mandates continually increase the obligations and expenditures of local governments, and a property tax levy limit without significant mandate reform will undoubtedly lead to cuts in services and decreased infrastructure maintenance; and

WHEREAS, coinciding with the property tax levy limit, local governments have been subject to stagnant state aid in the form of CHIPS and AIM programs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of satisfying unfunded and underfunded mandates diverts local money from direct local government programs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach affirm the obligation of the Governor and the members of the New York State Legislature to reform mandates that are unsound, unduly burdensome or costly, and thereby lead to high property taxes in New York State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Executive Law §666, which establishes a Mandate Relief Council, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Westhampton Beach asks, by resolution of its governing body and pursuant to §666 (4) which allows a petition for relief from a statutorily imposed mandate, that the Mandate Relief Council review the following mandate to determine whether the specific statute, regulation, rule or order of state government is an unfunded mandate or otherwise unsound, unduly burdensome or costly so as to require that it be eliminated or reformed:

Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax

Exempt local governments from payment of the tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law, similar to state legislation in 2011 which exempted payment of the tax for eligible public and private educational institutions and small businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees fully supports the efforts of its local state legislators who voted against the creation of the tax and have since sponsored legislation to repeal said tax; now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and the members of the Senate and Assembly representing Suffolk and Nassau Counties.

ADOPTED: **September 6, 2012**

Motion by: **Deputy Mayor Hank Tucker**
Seconded by: **Trustee Ralph Urban**

Vote: **4-0**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office and of the whole thereof.

, Village Clerk

Rebecca Molinaro
Village of Westhampton Beach

Dated: 9/19/12