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Rep. Dykema Partners with Selectmen to Support Westborough Veterans

Tuesday evening, Westborough Town Meeting became the first town in the Commonwealth to adopt a veteran's property tax work off provision enabled by passage of the VALOR act earlier this year.

"Westborough is very committed to serving its veterans," said Representative Dykema. "It's exciting to see this new program officially adopted by the town and to know that it will soon be benefiting local veterans who have bravely served our country."

At the request of Westborough's Board of Selectmen, Representative Dykema (D-Holliston) filed the amendment with the support of Representative Matt Beaton (R-Shrewsbury) and Representative George Peterson (R-Grafton). The amendment was successfully included in the VALOR Act in July and allows the creation of a local property tax work-off program for veterans that is similar to the senior citizen tax work-off program already in place in many towns.

Selectman Tim Dodd, who worked closely with Dykema from the beginning of the process and initiated the implementation of the process by working to draft the policy and put forward the acceptance of the statute by the Westborough Town Meeting, stated "This program has the potential to provide a real benefit to our local veterans. I was happy to work with Representative Dykema and our legislative delegation to make this happen."

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State Representative Carolyn Dykema serves the 8th Middlesex district that includes the towns of Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway (pct. 1), Southborough (pct. 2 & 3) and Westborough (pct. 2).