

## Wording for Special Legislation – Age 65, Group 4

Hi Dale,

Hope all is well. Thank you for sharing the information on mandatory retirement age. You're absolutely right that small communities are becoming increasingly burdened with call force personnel reaching retirement age. I thought I'd share with you the warrant article recently voted by Sunderland Town Meeting. Steve Kulik will be filing, or has already filed the special legislation. I understand a few other small towns in the area may be seeking special legislation for their call force personnel, so if any towns contact you, feel free to share the town meeting language or refer them to Sunderland for more information.

Margaret

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to allow <insert name>, a Town of <insert town> call firefighter, notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, to serve in such position until the age of 70, or until the date of his retirement or non-reappointment, whichever occurs first; provided, however that no deductions from the regular compensation of <insert name> shall be made under chapter 32 of the General Laws subsequent to his reaching the age of 65 in connection with his service to the Town for retirement or pension purposes; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical and editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Majority Vote -Mass. Constitution, Amend. Art. 2, §8**

SUBMITTED BY: Fire Chief

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: