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Town Manager



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
**TO:** Town Clerk Pat McNielly  
**FROM:** Michael Borg  
**CC:** Cheryl, Chief Assessor  
Chris Sweet, Treasurer/Tax Collector  
**RE:** **Measure 2026-041- Authorization of Environmental Remediation Tax Relief Agreements - Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw.**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**  
**Measure 2026-041- Authorization of Environmental Remediation Tax Relief Agreements - Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw.**

### **Purpose and Justification:**

I hereby submit the following measure to the Town Council for its consideration and action.

The purpose of this measure, as authorized by the Town Council of North Attleborough acceptance under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 59A, is to establish a local bylaw and process for negotiating Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements for qualifying contaminated commercial and industrial properties.

North Attleborough contains properties where the presence or potential presence of oil or hazardous material contamination has discouraged private investment and delayed redevelopment. These sites often remain underutilized or vacant, contribute limited economic value, and can present environmental and public health concerns. The cost of environmental assessment and remediation can be a significant barrier for “innocent owners” or prospective purchasers who were not responsible for the contamination.

Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw will:

- Encourage the cleanup and productive reuse of contaminated properties
- Reduce environmental and public health risks associated with legacy industrial sites
- Return underperforming parcels to the tax rolls and support long term growth in the commercial and industrial tax base
- Support job creation, private investment, and potential housing or mixed use redevelopment
- Provide a structured, transparent, and Council-approved process rather than ad hoc negotiations

This bylaw balances environmental responsibility with fiscal stewardship. It does not forgive taxes broadly or without conditions. It creates a controlled mechanism for the Town to leverage

tax restructuring as an incentive tied directly to environmental remediation, compliance with state law.

The Bylaw Sub-Committee met on December 4, 2025, and January 7, 2026, and created the Bylaw -Measure 2026-041- Authorization of Environmental Remediation Tax Relief Agreements - Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw, and Councilor Simmons made a motion to be refer it back to the Full Town Council, with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Wagner seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

The Town Council met on January 26, 2026, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Lapointe to waive the First Reading of Measure 2026-041- Authorization of Environmental Remediation Tax Relief Agreements - Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Simmons.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

President Pare'	Yes
VP Lapointe	Yes
Councilor Simmons	Yes
Councilor Slobogan	Yes
Councilor Wagner	Yes
Councilor Costello	Yes
Councilor McCarthy	Yes
Councilor Donovan	Yes

**Motion carried 8-0.**

The Town Council met on February 9, 2026, and held a Public Hearing, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Simmons to waive the Second Reading and approve Measure 2026-041- Authorization of Environmental Remediation Tax Relief Agreements - Adoption of the Brownfields Tax Abatement Agreements Bylaw.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Donovan.

Roll Call Vote was taken:

Councilor Simmons	Yes
Councilor Slobogan	Yes
Councilor Wagner	Yes
Councilor Costello	Yes
Councilor McCarthy	Yes
Councilor Donovan	Yes

**Motion carried 6-0.**