



Advocate for tax fairness

- Part-time property owners pay approximately 85% of residential property taxes on an annual basis.
- Residential property taxes are the #1 source of revenue to the town.
- The Residential Tax Exemption (RTE) provides a financial break for property owners who assert they are full-time occupants. The lost revenue from the RTEs is transferred to the part-time owners in the form of higher taxes. The RTE creates a two-tier tax system for property owners.
- The RTE generates \$0 additional revenue for the town but does promote neighbor vs neighbor animosity as part-time owners – who use fewer services – are paying higher taxes.
- Although RTE was approved as a means of increasing the town’s year-round population there is no evidence this has happened.
- Beyond property taxes, part-time owners represent the majority of most nonprofit boards and provide the vast majority of the funding for these nonprofits.

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