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GOOD NEWS FOR SURVIVORS

The Select Board placed an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant, at our request, to enable the Town to extend health insurance premiums to survivors at a higher percentage than is currently allowed by statute. Currently all survivors have to pay 50% of their medical insurance premium, this article allowed the Select Board to authorize a like percentage to what was being paid prior to their spouses' death. This article was passed by the Town Meeting October 3, 2022.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the Select Board voted at their meeting December 5, 2022 the following:

In accordance with the October 3, 2022 Town Meeting acceptance of chapter 32B section 9D1/2 the Select Board resolves that:

1. The surviving spouse of a Town employee/retiree ("employee") who is enrolled in a Town Health insurance plan through the employee at the time of the employee's death, and who opts to continue coverage under the appropriate Town plan, will pay the same percentage of the premium cost for that plan that was in place for the employee at death. This increase in the Town's percentage of the premium cost, including for already qualified surviving spouses, will take effect January 1, 2023.

Earlier this year the Executive Committee started to work on finding a way to solve this inequity for survivors. The Chairman of the Board, Mark Germain, was most receptive to hearing from us and without the assistance of the entire Board and their Executive Assistant, Colleen Lieb, we would not have gotten to this end result.

Current survivors are being notified by mail from the Town Treasurer's Office of their new benefit.

We want everyone to know that there were many people involved in this change from Town Counsel, Town Treasurer's Department, Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting voters.

The Executive Committee wants to thank everyone who helped to get this done.

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