

March 24, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Jim Rupert
Town Administrator
Town of Bolton
222 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT 06043

Re: House Bill 7067

Dear Jim:

Under date of March 17, 2025, you forwarded a letter from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) regarding the above-referenced Public Act. You indicated that the correspondence from OPM regarding the Act recommended that it should be reviewed with the municipal attorney. Attached to the Act was a table setting forth revised effective days of municipal action with regard to adjusting the Grand List, Board of Assessment Appeals actions, and budget adjustment.

The Act permits towns to amend the manner in which they tax automotive vehicles by increasing the vehicle's value by 5 percentage points above the taxable portion of the auto's MSRP value which is subject to property tax. To accomplish this, the Town's legislative body (here, the Board of Selectmen) must vote in favor of this modification. If it chooses to do so, it must notify OPM within 14 days that it has done so. Along with this, the Town can also modify and make adjustments to its Grand List for fiscal year 2026 budgets and tax levies subject to certain conditions (see Sections 3 and 6 of Act House Bill 7067).

Sections 4 and 5 address the Veteran's Exemption. Veterans who are deemed to be qualified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to have a 100% service-connected disability would be entitled to 100% property exemption for a Primary Dwelling or Motor Vehicle. The Board of Selectman have the option of adopting either of these options and should they do so, it would follow the timeline table set forth with the OPM's letter of March 5, 2025.

I have discussed these matters with you and you seem to have a good understanding of the Town's options with regard to these matters and, the procedures to be followed should the Town choose such options.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any questions that this may engender.

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Barger

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