

Motion to be made under petition article:

I move that the Town of Harvard instruct its Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact a special act which provides that, notwithstanding any provisions of the Massachusetts General Law to the contrary:

For community solar properties in Harvard, Clause forty-fifth of section 5 (Property; Exemptions) of chapter 59 (Assessment of Local Taxes) of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Any community solar energy system, which for the purposes of this section shall be defined as a solar powered system or device or a combination of solar powered systems or devices collectively owned by residents or nonutility businesses that is placed on a property owned by a cooperating local property owner, nonprofit organization or nonutility business for the purpose of heating or otherwise supplying no more than 125 per cent of the annual energy needs of each of the owners of said system or device; provided, however, that an owner of a community solar energy system unit meeting energy needs of the owner's residence or non-utility business shall receive an exemption in proportion to his or her share of the system as determined by the proportion of energy generated for use by said owner.