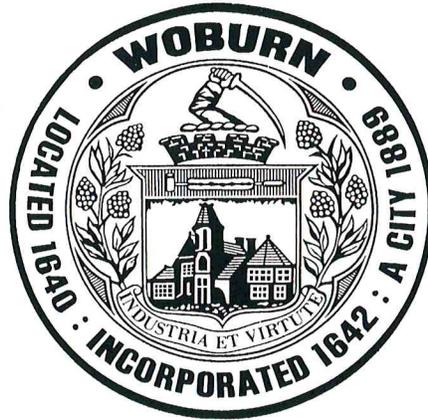


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Scott D. Galvin, Mayor

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General Information

Settled 1640 ---- Incorporated as a Town 1642 – Incorporated as a City 1889

Population (U.S. Census 2010): 38,120

Land Area: 13.11 Square Miles which is 8,384 acres

Miles of Roadway: approximately 170 linear miles.

Form of Government: Mayor and City Council with two year terms.

City Council: Nine members called Alderman with two elected at large and seven elected by ward. The President is elected by the members of the City Council.

School Committee: Seven members elected at large with two serving four year terms and five serving two year terms. The Chairman is elected by the members of the School Committee.

Municipal Elections: General elections held first Tuesday of November in every calendar year ending in an odd number for Mayor, City Council and five School Committee Members.

Excerpt from Woburn Municipal Code, Title I, Article III, Section 1-15 City Seal:

“The following shall be the devise of the seal of the City of Woburn: The seal is round and two inches in diameter. In the outer circle, over the top, is the word Woburn.” In the lower circle. “Located, 1640: Incorporated 1642: A City, 1889.” In the center a coat of arms. On a chief gules. A knife’s argent. In base, a view of the public library, ppr.; crest, a mural coronet, ppr., and the crest of Massachusetts, an arm vested brandishing a long sword, ppr. Motto: “Industria et virtute.” Supporters on the dexter and sinister sides of the arms, spigs of sumac, ppr. (Prio Ch. 1 Sec 7).”



Elected Municipal Officials

Mayor

Hon. Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
4 Foley Road

City Council

Alderman-at Large

Richard M. Haggerty, 34 Leonard Street
Michael P. Concannon, 1 Rose Farm Lane

Ward Alderman

Ward One – Rosa DiTucci, 82 Arlington Road
Ward Two - Richard F. Gately, Jr., 1 Abbott Court
Ward Three – Mark E. Gaffney, 162 Winn Street
Ward Four – Michael D. Anderson, 3 Frances Street
Ward Five - Darlene Mercer-Bruen, 22 Richard Circle
Ward Six - Michael Raymond, 10 North Maple Street
Ward Seven - Raymond B. Drapeau, 6 Whispering Hill Road

School Committee

Frederick Metters, 20 Warren Avenue, Chair
Patricia E. Chisholm, 6 Forest Park Circle
Ellen Crowley, 5 Morrow Drive
Christopher T. Kisiel, 54 Hinston Road
Joseph E. Demers, 1 Manny Terrace
Michael P. Mulrenan, 938 Main Street
John M. Wells, 5 Curtis Road

Northeast Regional Vocational School Representative

Debra P. Davis, 61 Richard Circle

Federal and State Elected Officials

Federal Officials

United States Senator

Elizabeth Warren
2400 JFK Federal Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02203
317 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Edward J. Markey
975 JFK Federal Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02203
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

United States Representative Fifth Congressional District

Katherine Clark
1721 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
701 Concord Avenue, Suite 101, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138
2108 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

State Officials

State Senator 4th Middlesex District

Kenneth J. Donnelly
State House, Room 413D, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

State Representative 30rd Middlesex District (Wards 2,3,4,5,6)

James J. Dwyer
State House, Room 254, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

State Representative 15th Middlesex District (Wards 1,7)

Jay R. Kaufman
State House, Room 34, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Woburn City Council Committee Assignments 2014 – 2015

“Rule 21. Committee Chair: The member of the City Council first named on every committee shall be its chairman, and, in case of his absence, the other members in the order in which they are named shall call meetings of the committee and act as chairman.”

Finance

Raymond Drapeau
Michael Anderson
Michael Concannon
Richard Gately
Rosa DiTucci

Special Permits

Richard Gately
Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Mark Gaffney
Michael Raymond
Michael Concannon

Ordinances, Charter and Rules

Michael Anderson
Michael Raymond
Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Mark Gaffney
Michael Concannon

Personnel

Rosa DiTucci
Mark Gaffney
Michael Anderson

Public Safety and License

Michael Concannon
Rosa DiTucci
Michael Raymond
Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Richard Gately

Infrastructure and Public Lands

Richard Gately
Michael Raymond
Mark Gaffney
Rosa DiTucci
Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Audits and Accounts

Raymond Drapeau
Richard Gately
Michael Concannon

Liaison

President Haggerty – Chair
All Aldermen

Traffic Commission

Michael Concannon
Michael Anderson

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC)

Michael Raymond
Michael Anderson

CWOD Concept Plan Review Committee

Michael Raymond
Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Ray Drapeau

Liaison Assignments

Woburn Redevelopment Authority – Richard Gately
Historical Commission – Michael Raymond
Conservation Commission – Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Woburn Public Library – Mark Gaffney
Recreation Commission – Rosa DiTucci
Handicapped Commission – Rosa DiTucci
School Committee – Michael Concannon
Woburn Housing Authority – Richard Gately
Golf & Ski Authority – Mark Gaffney
School Building Committee – Michael Anderson
Council on Aging – Michael Raymond

CITY OF WOBURN

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICIALS

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION: Five (5) members - Woburn residents, at least one a Ward 3 resident and one a Ward 4 resident – Initial members term of one until December 31, 2011, two until December 31, 2012 and two until December 31, 2013, all subsequent terms three (3) years - Terms commence January – Appointed by the Mayor subject to City Council confirmation – Contact: Mayor

Paul A. Medeiros – expired 12/31/2013 -Chair
Timothy A. Mooney – expired 12/31/2011
Christopher E. Doherty – expires 12/31/2015
Michael J. Benenate – expires 12/31/2015
Robert F. Carley – expired 12/31/2013

BIOMEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: four year terms (initial citizen appointees terms - one for two years and one for four years, subsequent terms four years each); Mayor appoints subject to Council Confirmation – three members – Contact: Board of Health

John Fralick – City of Woburn Health Agent
Carmen M. Baldino– expired - 8/31/2011
John Wells – expired – 6/1/2011

BOARD OF APPEALS: three-year terms; Mayor appoints subject to Council Confirmation - five members and one alternate – Contact: City Clerk.

Margaret M. Pinkham, Chairman – expires 5/31/2015
Edward S. Robertson – expires 5/31/2015
John J. Ryan III – expires 5/31/2016
John D. Ray – expires 5/31/2017
Daniel Parrish – expires 5/31/2015
Sheila McElhiney - Alternate Member – expires – 5/31/2016

BOARD OF ASSESSORS: three-year term; Mayor appoints. No Council approval; Mayor annually designates Chairman and Secretary – three members – Contact: Chief Appraiser.

Robert E. Maguire, Member – expired 2/6/2008; Chairman – expired 6/13/2008
Lori Medeiros, Member – expired 6/13/2014; Secretary – expired 6/13/2011
David J. Rufo, Member – expired 6/13/2015

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: serve at pleasure of Mayor. See 207 C.M.R. §3.01(3).

Paul A. Medeiros, President - expired May 19, 2011
Kevin R. McDonough, - expired May 19, 2011
John D. Ray, - expired May 19, 2011

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS: 5-year term; Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation – five members – Contact: Secretary to the Board.

William E. Kerns, Chairman - expired 4/1/2014
John M. Sawyer – expires 3/18/2017
Joseph McDonough – expires 3/30/2016
Catherine B. Shaughnessy – expires 3/30/2017
Christopher Kisiel - expired 4/1/2009

CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE - serve at pleasure of the Mayor. No Council confirmation – Contact: Mayor.

Thomas Ferraguto - Chair
Michael McDonough
Joseph Pendergast
Mark McGuire
David Dunkley
Joseph Elia
Alderman Richard Haggerty (appointed by City Council President)

COMMERCE WAY CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE – City Council President appoints; no set term; three Alderman and two Planning Board Members. Contact: City Clerk

Alderman Michael Raymond
Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen
Alderman Richard Haggerty
Planning Board Member Robert Doherty
Planning Board Member Michael Ventresca

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: three-year term; Mayor appoints. No Council confirmation – seven members – Contact: Conservation Administrator

Duane Cleak, Chair – expires 5/22/2017
John Tancredi, Vice Chair – expires 5/31/2016
Pauline E. Scalley – expired 05/31/2015
James A. Juliano – expires 5/31/2017
Kevin Meaney – expired 5/31/2015
Stephen Malone – expired 5/31/2015
Gerald T. Lohnes – expire 5/ 31/2016

CONSTABLES: term up to three years, Mayor appoints. No Council confirmation. Background check, character references. Bond. One for every 3,000 residents and 75% of whom shall be Woburn residents.

Ronald M. DiGiorgio (Burlington) - expires 1/31/2017
Anthony J. Bogus (Woburn) - expires 2/1/2018
Francis J. Mendes (Woburn) – expires 2/1/2018
Richard S. Kelley (Winchester) – expired 2/1/2015
Pasquale DeFeo, Jr. (Revere) – expires 6/1/2016

COUNCIL ON AGING: Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation. 3-year terms – up to fifteen members – Contact: Director Council on Aging.

Dorothy Stanton, Chairperson – expired 12/13/2016
Eleanor Collins – expires 12/31/2015
Eleanor Camillieri – expires 12/13/2016
Dorothy F. Capone – expires 12/13/2016
Francis M. Hancock – expires 12/13/2016
Angela Amato – expires 12/13/2016

Jack Kelly – expires 12/13/2016
Vacancy – expired 12/31/2014
Vincent Simeone – expires 12/31/2017
Margaret Casey – expires 12/31/2015
John DeCata – expires 12/31/2015
Theresa Donovan – expires 12/31/2015
Barbara Ridley – expires 12/31/2016
Geraldine Benecke – expires 12/31/2017
Mary Foley – expired 12/31/2014

CULTURAL COUNCIL: three-year term; Mayor appoints, no Council confirmation. Two consecutive-term limit. May be reappointed after 3 years off Council – up to 22 members but not less than five.

Joanne Mulkerin, Chairman – expired 7/31/2014
Karen Rice – expired 7/31/2014
Deborah B. King – expired 7/31/2014
Nancy N. Canty – expired 7/31/2014
Stanley Malvarosa – expired 7/31/2014

GOLF AND SKI AUTHORITY: six-year term; Mayor w/ Council approval. Mayor appoints Chairman and Vice Chairman – nine members.

Santo Bernardo, Chairman – expires 12/31/2020
Michael P. Bonish – expires 12/31/2017
Michael McDonough – expires 12/31/2020
Robert Dunnigan-expired 12/31/2009
Michael Higgins-expires 12/31/2015
Richard Lynch – expires 12/31/2016
Barry M. Aldorisio – expires 12/31/2017
Thomas W. Lawton – expires 12/31/2018
Peter Murphy – expires 12/31/2016

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE: serve at pleasure of the Mayor. No Council confirmation. Mayor is the Chairman – Contact: Mayor.

Mayor Scott D. Galvin, Chairman
Mark Donovan – Superintendent of Schools
Patricia Chisholm – School Committee Representative
Thomas Quinn – Acting Superintendent of Public Works

Gerald Surette – City Auditor
John Corey – City Engineer
Greg Ahearn
Thomas Ferraguto

HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED CITIZENS COMMISSION: three-year terms. Mayor appoints with Council confirmation – not more than eleven and not less than seven members with one member elected or appointed official of the City.

Veronica Andrews Chairman – expired 3/2/2013
Alfred Tancreti – expired 12/31/2010
John Flaherty – expired 4/30/2011
Timothy Donovan – expired 12/31/2010
MaryAnn Chorlton – expired 3/2/2013
Johanna B. Hill – expires 3/2/2016
Jennifer Murray – expired 6/15/2013
Patricia A. Rossetti – expires 12/31/2015

BOARD OF HEALTH: three-year term; Mayor, No Council; Mayor appoints Chairman; one member must be Woburn doctor – three members – Contact: Board of Health Agent.

Dr. David Fitzpatrick, Member – expired 5/30/2008, Chairman – term undefined
Joel C. Long, Member - expires 12/31/2015
Kevin R. McDonough - expires 12/31/2017

HISTORICAL COMMISSION: three-year term. Mayor, no Council confirmation – seven members – MGL Chap 40, Section 8D (Accepted May 27, 1971) – 1/3 expire May 31st each year.

Carol Seitz Chair – expires 5/31/2017
Darlene Wigton – expired 5/31/2015
Helen Morley – expires 12/31/2016
Sue Ellen Martin – expires 5/31/2016
Allen Hill – expired 5/31/2015
Robert Callahan – expires 12/31/2015
Ruth McCarron – expires 12/31/2016

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: three year term. Seven members appointed by Mayor subject to City Council confirmation – If possible, one member from two nominees solicited from the Woburn Historical Commission; one member from two nominees solicited from the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering Woburn; one member from two nominees of the Board of Realtors covering Woburn; and one property owner from within one of the District areas - Mayor may appoint up to two alternates subject to City Council confirmation - Woburn Municipal Code Title 19 (added September 27, 2004)

Bryan Melanson – expired 3/19/2011
Richard Haggerty – expired 4/30/2011
William Callahan – expired 3/2/2012
Kathleen Lucero – expired 6/30/2011
Kevin Meaney – expired 8/18/2012
Arthur Duffy – expired 12/15/2010
John Paladino – expired 7/31/2010
John Franson – expired 10/19/2012 Alternate
Peter Lennon – expired 3/2/2012 Alternate

HOUSING AUTHORITY: 5 year terms; four members appointed by Mayor subject to Council confirmation, one appointed by Governor – Contact: Executive Director.

Daniel J. Gately – expired 4/1/2012
Kevin D. Feeney – expires 3/31/2017 (Union representative)
Carol Donovan (Governor’s appt) – expires 1/8/2019
Larry Rideout – expired 3/31/2014
Kathleen Gallagher – (Tenant representative - federal) - indefinite

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: 3-year terms. Mayor appoints with Council confirmation. 11 members.

Mark Donovan - Superintendent of Schools –expired 7/31/2013
Officer Ralph Coakley -Patrolman Community Policing Unit –expired 7/ 31/2013
Vacancy - Human Resources Director- expired 7/31/2013
Member HS Gay-Straight Alliance chosen by Superintendent – expired 8/31/2010
Robert McNabb - Woburn Housing Authority - expired 7/31/2011
Vacancy - Handicapped and Disabled Citizens – expired 7/31/2011
Reverend Dr. Neal Pearson - Member of local Clergy – expired 7/31/2011
Joanne Collins - Council on Aging – expired 7/31/2012

Jean P. Cullinane - Local real estate agent –expired 7/31/2012
Chief of Police –expired 7/31/2012
Dean Solomon - Woburn Council of Social Concern – expired 7/31/2013

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

John Fralick – Expired 4/30/2013

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – WOBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY: six life trustees; three trustees of 3-year terms together constitute the Board; Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation – Contact: Library Director.

Janet Rabbitt, President – Life Trustee
Judith A. Kelly – Life Trustee
Richard Mahoney Sr. – Life Trustee
Mary Hines – Life Trustee
JoAnn McNamee – Life Trustee
Loretta Schuck – Life Trustee
Carol Seitz – expired 8/28/2011
William Angelo – expired 3/2/2015
William Callahan – expires 3/2/2016

TRUSTEES OF THE THOMPSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY: three members, two must be North Woburn residents. Three- year terms from January 10. Mayor appoints. No Council confirmation.

Charles L. O’Connor – expired 1/10/2011
John Paladino – expired 1/10/2011
Linda Raymond – expired 1/10/2012

LICENSE COMMISSION: 6-year terms. Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation – three members – Contact: City Clerk.

Paul Medeiros, Chairman – expired 6/30/2015
Thomas M. Skeffington – expires 5/30/2016
David Gilgun – expires 6/30/2020

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL: Mayor appoints. No Council confirmation. See MGL Ch. 40B, Section 24.

Tina Cassidy (City of Woburn Rep) – expires February 17, 2018

Neil Cronin (Alternate) – expires February 17, 2018

BOSTON REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION:

Mayor appoints. No Council confirmation.

Tina Cassidy

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD: serves at Mayor's pleasure.

Vacany – appointed

MWRA ADVISORY BOARD: serves at Mayor's pleasure.

Anthony Blazejowski – appointed 12/10/2007

MIDDLESEX CANAL COMMISSION: one member, one alternate; 2 year terms; Mayor appoints, No Council confirmation.

Leonard H. Harmon, - expires 12/31/2015

Alternate - vacancy

PLANNING BOARD: 5-year terms. Mayor appoints subject to Council approval – seven members – Contact: Planning Director.

James Callahan – expired 4/30/2012 (Chair)

Carolyn Turner – expires 4/30/2016 (Vice Chair)

Robert F. Doherty – expired 4/30/2008

Kevin Donovan – expired 4/30/2010

Michael Ventresca – expired 4/30/2012

David Edmonds, Vice Chair – expired 4/1/2009

Claudia Leis-Bolgen – expired 4/30/2012

RECREATION COMMISSION: 5-year terms. Mayor appoints 2, Council appoints 2; School Committee appoints 1 – Contact: Recreation Director.

Anthony Pandolph, Chairman - (Mayor's appointment)-expired 12/31/2010
Michael J. Martini (Mayor's appointment) – expired 10/11/2012
Paul Tobin (City Council appointment) – expires 4/1/2018
Eugene Demers (City Council appointment) – expires 4/1/2015
Timothy Lawton (School Committee appointment) – expires 4/1/2017

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: five-year terms; Mayor appoints 4 members subject to Council confirmation. Governor appoints 1 member – Contact: Executive Director.

Donald Queenin (Governor's appointment) – expired 12/12/2014 (Chairman)
Gary Fuller – expires 11/12/2017 (Vice Chair)
Arthur Duffy – expired 11/12/2012 (Treasurer)
Wayne McDaniel – expired 12/31/2014 (Secretary)
David S. Ryan – expires 12/31/2016 (Assistant Treasurer)

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: three-year terms. Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation – three members with even party representation – Contact: City Clerk.

Oliver C. Galante, Chairman – expired 3/30/2012
Al Magro – expires 3/30/2016
Vacancy
William C. Campbell, Clerk – by virtue of holding office of City Clerk

RETIREMENT BOARD: Contact: City Auditor ex officio member; one Member appointed by Mayor, no Council Confirmation; two Members elected by those covered in retirement system from among its members for terms not exceeding three years; one Member not a retiree or government official selected by other four Members for term of three years. See M.G.L. Ch. 32, §20(4) – Contact: Retirement Administrator.

Gerald W. Surette – by virtue of holding office of City Auditor
Denis P. Devine – expires 12/31/2016
Marilou E. Lundin – expires 11/8/2017
John Flaherty – serves at Mayor's pleasure
Michael J. Gorman – expired 12/31/2014

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Daniel Russo expired – 7/1/2012

SIGN REVIEW BOARD: 3 residents, 2 Woburn Square merchants; Mayor appoints subject to Council confirmation. Five-year terms. An associate member is appointed to a 2-year term.

Peter Lennon – expired 3/2/2014

David S. Ryan – expired 8/1/2012

Antonetta Fuller – expired 4/12/2011

Vacancy – expired 6/29/2009

Associate Member - vacancy

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM COORDINATOR – Mayors appointment; No Council Confirmation.

Richard Jolly – appointed 4/23/2015

TRAFFIC COMMISSION: 9 members; Police Chief, Fire Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, City Engineer, Planning Director, or their designees, serve by virtue of office; Two Alderman appointed by President of the City Council; one resident representative appointed by City Council for two year term; one business representative appointed by City Council for two year term. Contact: City Clerk

Tina Cassidy, Planning Director, Chair – by virtue of office

Robert J. Ferullo, Jr., Police Chief – by virtue of office

Timothy Ring, Interim Fire Chief – by virtue of office

John Duran, DPW Superintendent, Department of Public Works – by virtue of office

John Corey, PE, City Engineer – by virtue of office

Alderman Michael Concannon

Alderman Michael Anderson

Myles Collins – Resident Member – expired 12/5/2010

Peter Socorelis – Business Member – expired 12/5/2013

TRI-CAP COMMISSION: at pleasure of the Mayor, no Council confirmation.

William Barry – appointed 1/9/2008

Judy Tanner – appointed 3/26/2012

VETERANS AGENT: Mayor, Council confirmation; expires April 30th

Lawrence Guiseppe – expired 4/30/2013

Updated through June 30, 2015

Board of Appeals

Annual Report from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Members

Margaret M. Pinkham	Chairman
Edward S. Robertson	Member
Daniel Parrish	Member
John D. Ray	Member
John Ryan	Member
Sheila McElhiney	Alternate Member
Patricia Bergeron George	Clerk of the Board of Appeals

The following petitions were heard by the Board of Appeals:

43	Petitions heard
1	Denied
39	Granted
2	Leave to Withdraw
0	Continued
1	Extension
0	40B Project

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Appeals



City of Woburn

ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

City Hall
10 Common Street
Woburn, MA 01801

781-897-5830

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert E. Maguire, Chairman
Lori S. Medeiros
David J. Rufo

December 8, 2015

Honorable Richard M. Haggerty, Council President
Honorable Members of the City Council
City Hall
Woburn, MA 01801

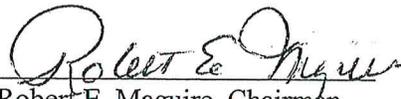
Dear President Haggerty and Council Members:

The Board of Assessors is pleased to report that the valuation roll for fiscal 2016 has been finalized after a reappraisal of all taxable properties was conducted by this office. The total assessed valuation for all real and personal property in the City effective January 1, 2015 is \$6.486 billion. This represents an increase from the prior fiscal year's total of \$6.168 billion. This increase in taxable valuation is attributable to the appreciation experienced by all classes of property.

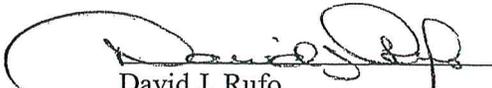
The City Council must now determine the relative tax burden to be borne by each class of property by selecting a "residential factor". To assist the Council in its deliberations, several charts have been prepared and are attached to this correspondence. These charts illustrate relevant valuation and tax levy data and the impact of your vote this evening.

By selecting a residential factor of "1" a single tax rate of \$14.74 results. Choosing a factor less than "1" results in a portion of the tax levy shifting from residential properties to commercial, industrial and personal property taxpayers. For example, adopting a residential factor of ".68" means that the residential class of property would pay 68% of the levy they would pay if there were no classification. Under this scenario, the levy increases for the other classes of property by a factor of 175 percent. The chart entitled "Classification Options" best illustrates the various scenarios available to you.

Woburn Board of Assessors


Robert E. Maguire, Chairman


Lori S. Medeiros


David J. Rufo

Fiscal Year 2016 Classification Hearing

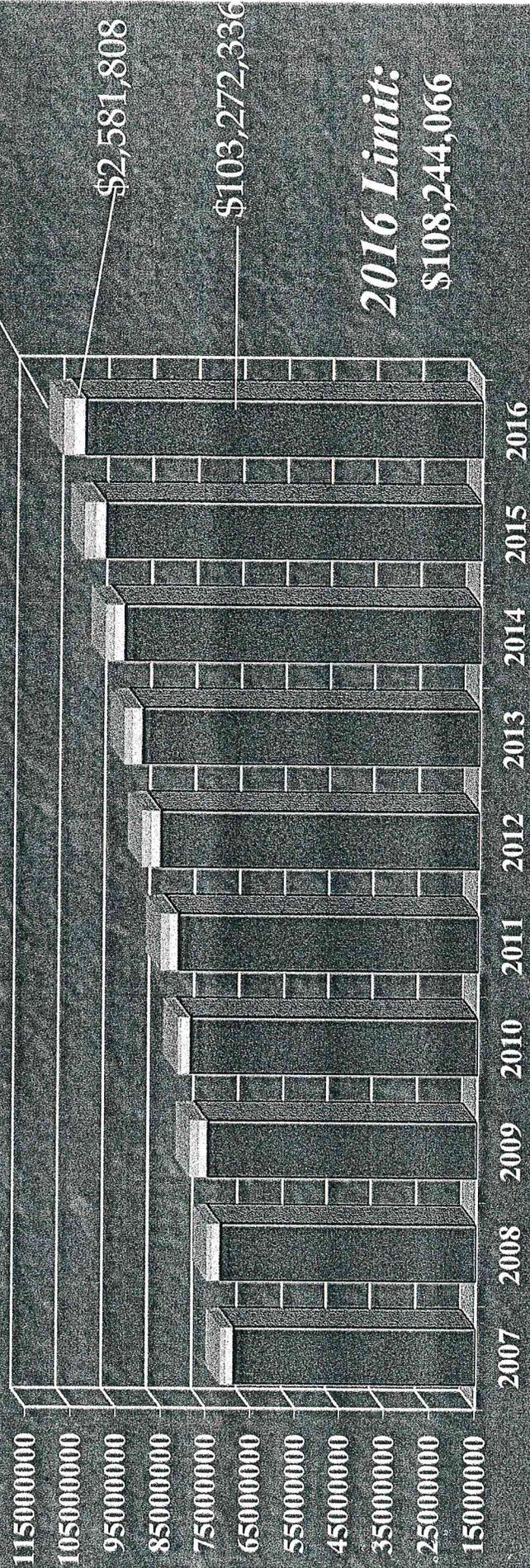
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Analysis of Levy Limit

Fiscal 2007 - 2016



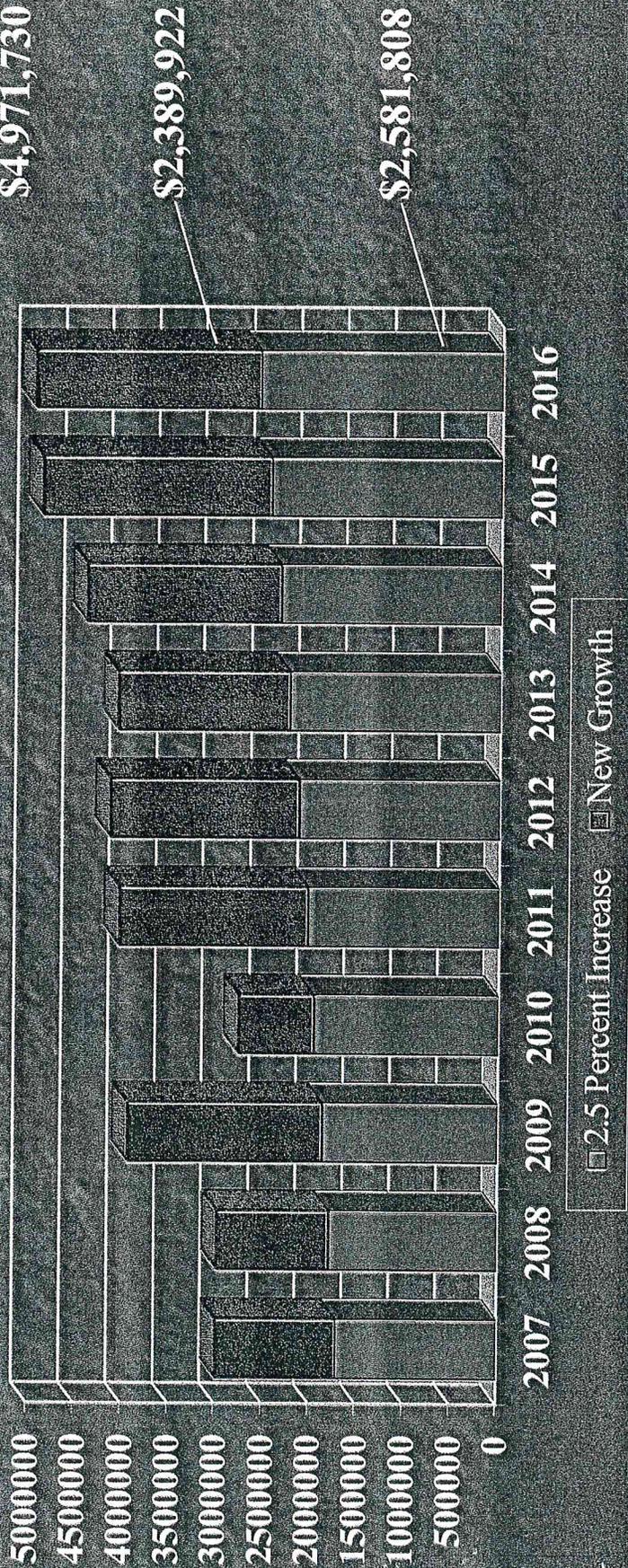
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 2.5 Percent Increase
 New Growth

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Analysis of Levy Limit Increase

Fiscal 2007 - 2016

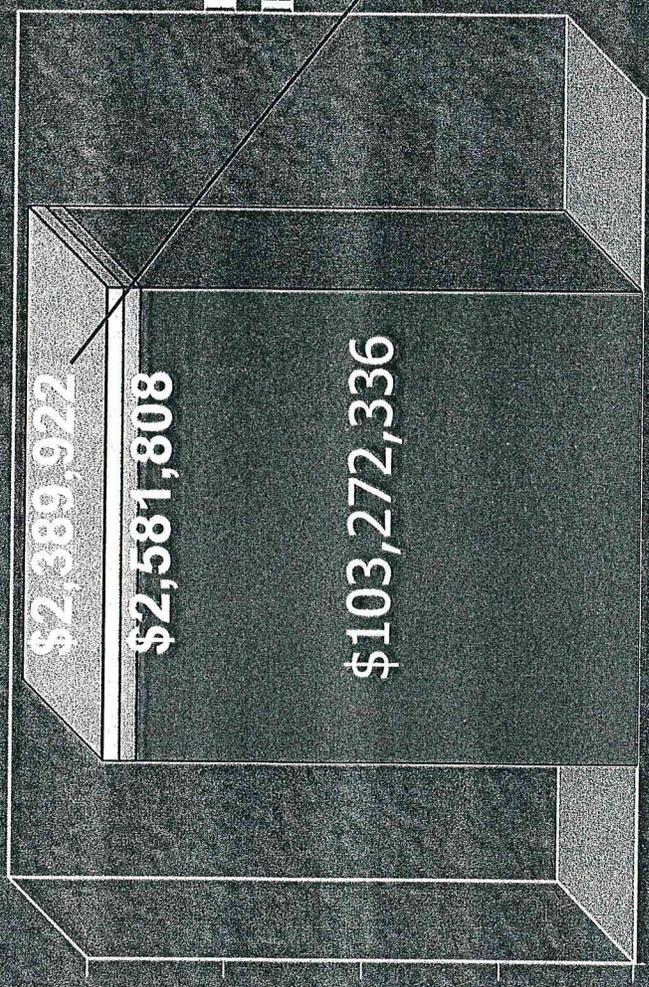
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INCREASE
\$4,971,730



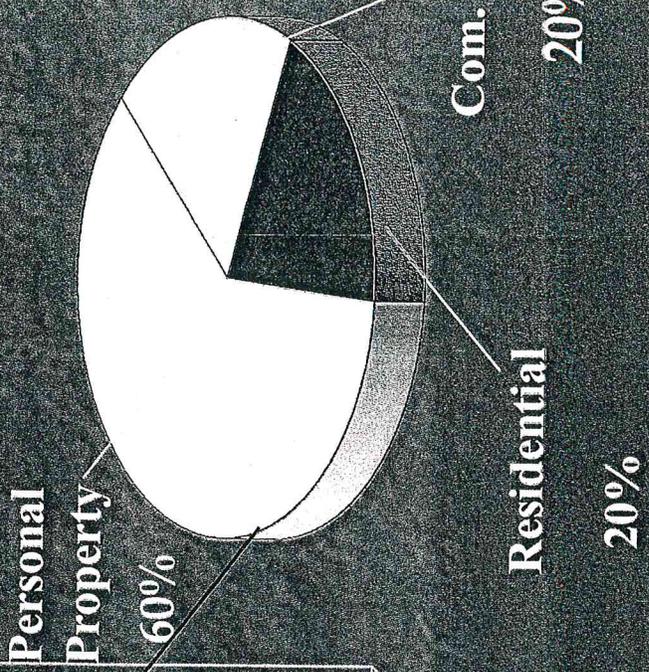
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Fiscal 2016 New Growth

Analysis of Components



New growth : \$2,389,922

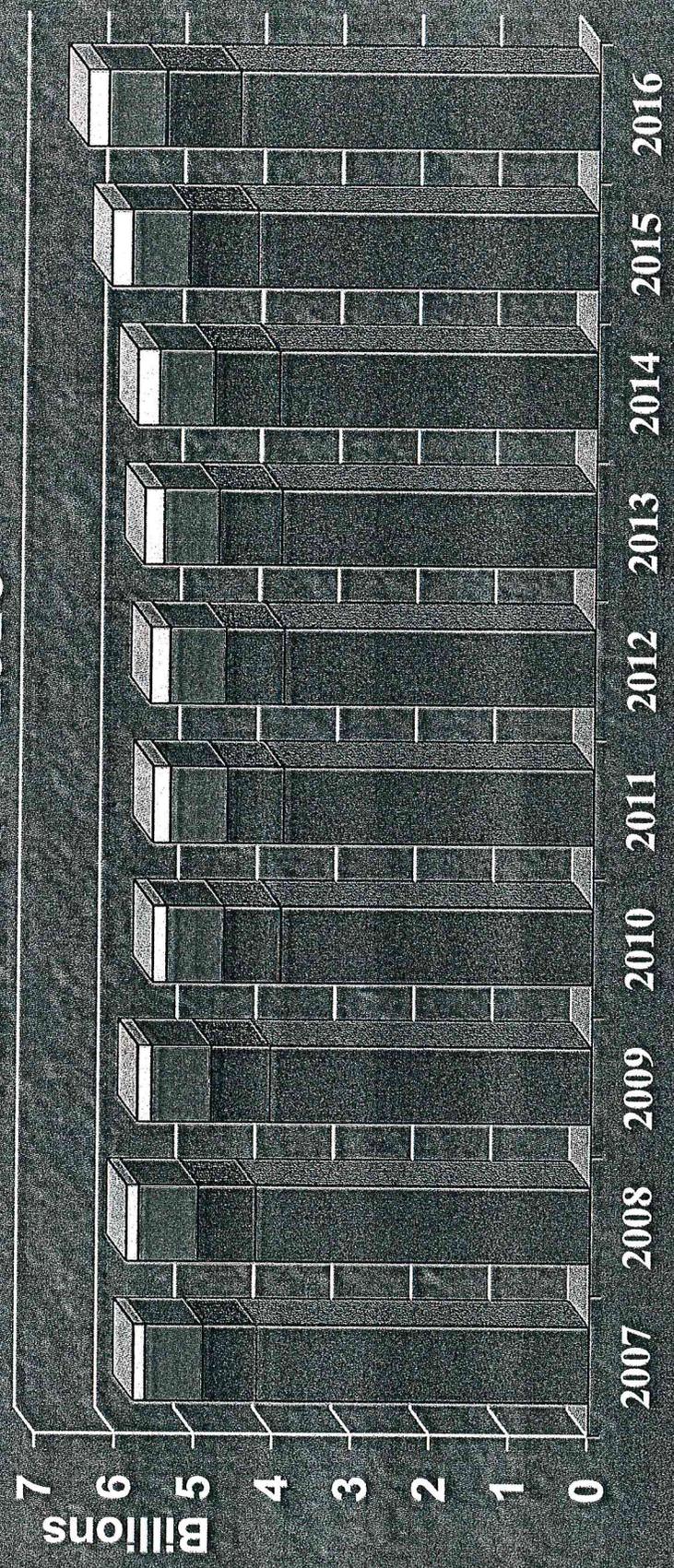


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2016 Levy Limit

Valuation by Class of Property

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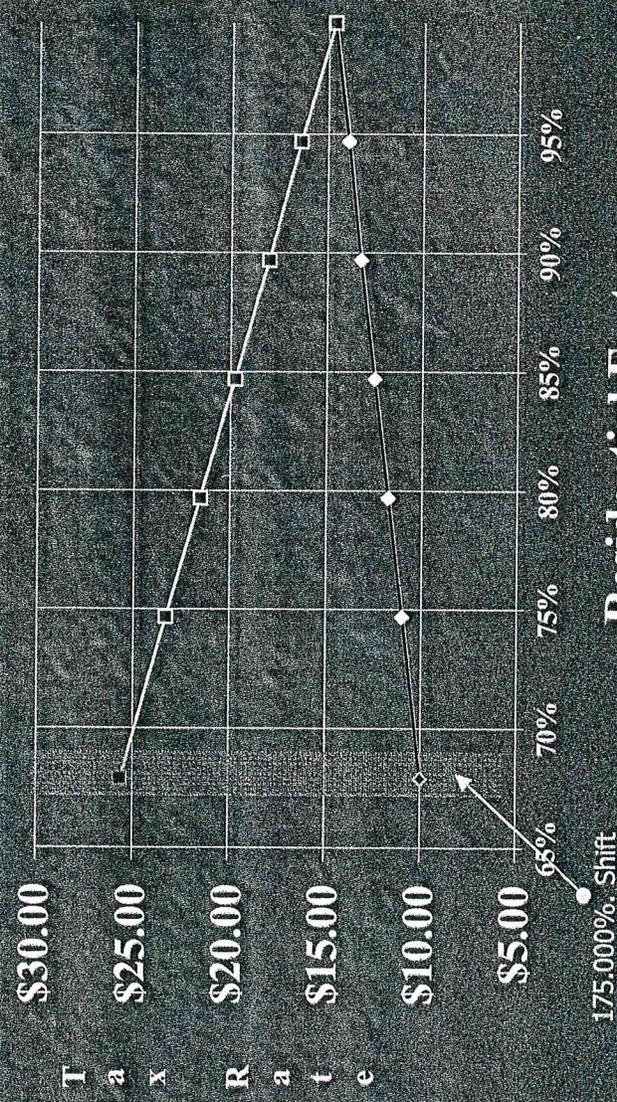


Residential
 Commercial
 Industrial
 Personal Property

Classification Options

Fiscal 2016

◆ Residential □ Comm/Ind/PP



<u>Factor</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Com/Ind/PP</u>
100%	\$14.74	\$14.74
95%	\$13.99	\$16.50
90%	\$13.30	\$18.13
85%	\$12.55	\$19.89
80%	\$11.80	\$21.66
75%	\$11.05	\$23.43
68.2018%	\$10.05	\$25.79

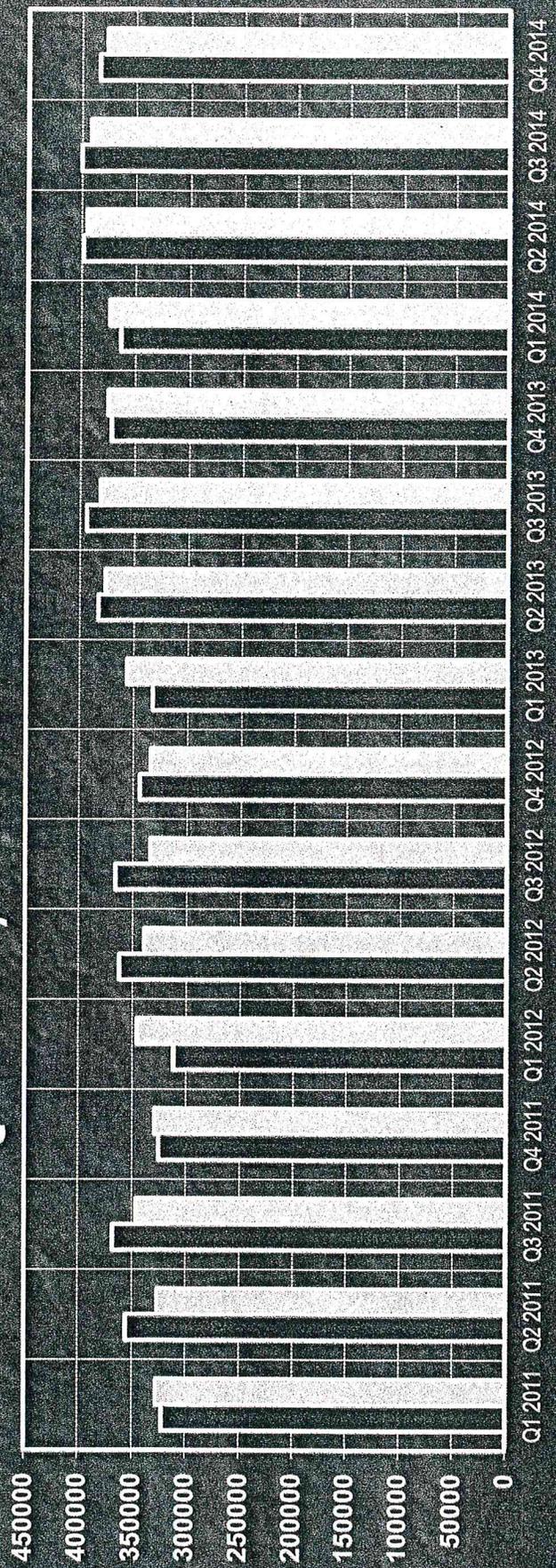
Woburn selected a factor of 67.6629% for Fiscal 2015.

2008 - 2016 Tax Rate History

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMM./IND</u>
2016	\$10.05	\$25.79
2015	\$10.17	\$26.30
2014	\$10.44	\$27.41
2013	\$10.40	\$27.01
2012	\$10.40	\$26.83
2011	\$10.30	\$26.34
2010	\$10.32	\$26.10
2009	\$9.69	\$24.54
2008	\$9.18	\$22.57

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Median Sales Price of
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 Quarterly 2011 - 2014



□ Boston Metro Area
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Analysis of Competitive Communities Fiscal 2016 Classification Hearing

	Residential Tax Rate '15	CIP Tax Rate '15	CIP Shift '15	Residential Tax Rate '16	CIP Tax Rate '16	CIP Shift '16	Average Residential Tax Bill '16
<i>Billerica</i>	\$14.04	\$32.67	175	\$14.14	\$33.22	175	\$4,683
<i>Burlington</i>	\$11.35	\$29.40	163	\$11.46	\$28.28	156	\$4,846
<i>Stoneham</i>	\$12.96	\$22.08	158	\$12.70	\$22.55	152	\$5,526
<i>Reading</i>	\$14.70	\$14.70	1	\$14.50	\$14.50	1	\$7,242
<i>Lexington</i>	\$14.98	\$28.28	170	\$14.98	\$28.28	170	\$11,481 FY2015
<i>Wilmington</i>	\$14.37	\$32.74	175	\$14.63	\$33.17	175	\$5,759
<i>Winchester</i>	\$12.14	\$11.40	1.00	\$11.68	\$11.02	N/A	\$10,948
<i>Woburn</i>	\$10.17	\$26.30	175	\$10.05	\$25.79	175	\$3,880

Board of Cemetery Commissioners

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners, in compliance with the City Ordinances, herewith submits the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2015.

Organization

William E. Kerns, Chairman	Christopher T. Kisiel
Catherine Shaughnessy	John M. Sawyer
Joseph McDonough	

During fiscal year 2015 there were 219 interments from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Income from Interments.....	\$113,850.00
Sales of new lots and graves.....	\$ 49,000.00
New endowments of lots and graves	\$ 51,000.00
Foundations constructed	\$ 6,562.50
Canopy rental for funerals	\$ 1,650.00
Overtime from funerals.....	\$ 17,200.00
Misc.	\$ 27,400.00
 Total Income	 \$266,662.50

There was a great deal of activity at Woodbrook Cemetery in FY2015. The Board has actively been overseeing the continued use of the newest section of grave lots on Oak Avenue here at Woodbrook Cemetery. These new graves have allowed for the burial of two people in a single/double-deep burial lot. These lots were made available for sale on an as needed basis to Woburn residents only and we are hopeful that these graves will be used for many years to come. The Board has continued its efforts to preserve trees in all 3 cemeteries. The main work has been done at Woodbrook Cemetery that included, but was not limited to the removal of dead/rotted trees, the spraying/trimming of trees to the front section of the cemetery along with extensive spraying to the back portion of the cemetery to keep ahead of the moth infestation that has occurred in these areas. The Board has made every effort to maintain all the trees here at Woodbrook Cemetery knowing that the trees are a beautiful focal point in the cemetery. The Board, along with the City, is still actively looking to purchase much needed land for the establishment of a new cemetery within the City of Woburn. The Board has stressed to the City the importance of establishing a new cemetery in the confines of the city to allow every resident of the City of Woburn a place to be buried in the future.

The largest of the Boards current project for FY2015 was the completion of the new roadways within Woodbrook Cemetery. Using cemetery funds the Board had appropriated \$950,000.00 to replace, reclaim and up-grade every roadway within the Cemetery. The appropriation was approved by the City Council in June, 2013. The roadways have not been up-graded in almost 20 years and the Board is pleased with the knowledge that, with the completion of this road project, they will not need up-grades for another 20 years.

The Board has also made strides to maintain, and upgrade when needed, its fleet of vehicles to assist in the day-to-day operations of the cemetery. The Board has been diligent in its effort to make sure that the cemetery staff has any/all equipment needed to best maintain the city cemeteries. The Board is hoping, with approval from the Mayor, to purchase a much needed backhoe and a water tank to continue the care and up-keep of the cemetery for many years to come.

The Board will make every effort to continue to improve, upgrade and maintain the landscaping within Woodbrook Cemetery, the First Burial Grounds and Second Burial Grounds and any future cemetery that may be established by the City of Woburn.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Kerns, Chairman
Board of Cemetery Commissioners