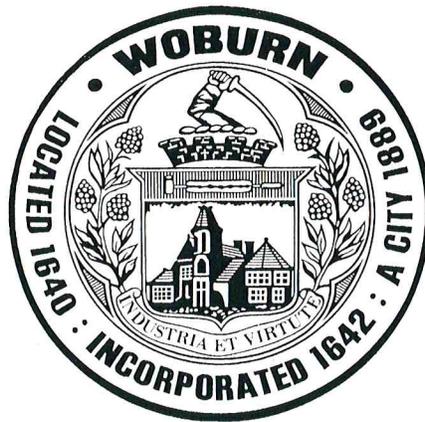


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## Annual Report Fiscal Year 2016

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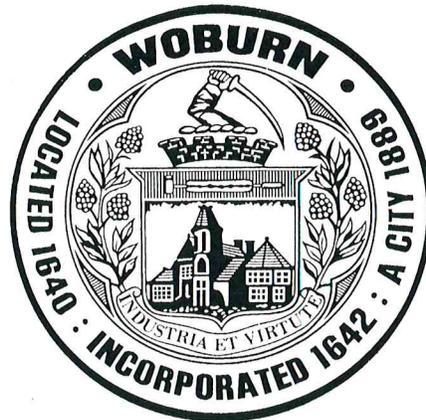
Scott D. Galvin, Mayor



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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 8,390.4 acres

Miles of Roadway: 164 miles local, 23 miles State (source: Woburn City Engineer).

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. (Prior Ch. 1 Sec 7).”



## **Elected Municipal Officials**

### **Mayor**

Hon. Scott D. Galvin, Mayor  
4 Foley Road

### **City Council**

From July 1, 2015 to January 4, 2016

### **Alderman-at Large**

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

### **Ward Alderman**

Rosa DiTucci, 82 Arlington Road  
Richard F. Gately, 1 Abbott Court  
Mark E. Gaffney, 162 Winn Street  
Michael D. Anderson, 3 Frances Street  
Darlene Mercer-Bruen, 22 Richard Circle  
Michael Raymond, 10 North Maple Street  
Raymond B. Drapeau, 6 Whispering Hill Road

### **School Committee**

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

**From January 5, 2016 to June 30, 2016**

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

**Ward Alderman**

Joanne Campbell, 45 Arlington Road  
Richard F. Gately, 1 Abbott Court  
Mark E. Gaffney, 162 Winn Street  
Michael D. Anderson, 3 Frances Street  
Darlene Mercer-Bruen, 22 Richard Circle  
Edward Tedesco, 1 Tedesco Drive  
Lindsey Higgins, 61 Waverly Road

**School Committee**

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

#### **Seventh Congressional District**

Katherine Clark

### **State Officials**

#### **State Senator 4<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District**

Kenneth Donnelly

#### **State Representative 30<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex District (Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)**

James J. Dwyer

#### **State Representative 15<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District (Wards 1,7)**

Jay R. Kaufman

## **City Council Committees**

July 1, 2015 to January 4, 2016

### **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 (7/1/2015-1/4/2016)  
Michael Anderson (7/1/2015-1/4/2016)

**Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC)**

Michael Raymond (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Michael Concannon (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
Michael Anderson

**Commerce Way Overlay District 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

January 4, 2016 to June 30, 2016

**Audits and Accounts**

Edward Tedesco  
Richard Gately  
Lindsay Higgins

**Finance**

Michael Concannon  
Michael Anderson  
Richard Gately  
Edward Tedesco  
Lindsay Higgins

**Infrastructure and Public Lands**

Richard Gately  
Mark Gaffney  
Darlene Mercer Bruen  
Joanne Campbell  
Edward Tedesco

**Liason**

President Chair  
All Aldermen

**Ordinances, Charter and Rules**

Michael Anderson  
Michael Concannon  
Mark Gaffney  
Darlene Mercer-Bruen  
Lindsay Higgins

**Personnel**

Joanne Campbell  
Michael Anderson  
Michael Concannon

**Public Safety and License**

Lindsay Higgins  
Michael Concannon  
Richard Gately  
Joanne Campbell  
Darlene Mercer Bruen

**Special Permits**

Richard Gately  
Mark Gaffney  
Darlene Mercer-Bruen  
Joanne Campbell  
Edward Tedesco

**Traffic Commission**

Lindsay Higgins (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)

Joanne Campbell (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)

**Commerce Way Overlay District Concept Plan Review Committee**

Mark Gaffney

Edward Tedesco

Darlene Mercer-Bruen

**Zoning Ordinance Review Committee**

Michael Anderson

Michael Concannon

**Council Liaison Assignments**

Conservation Commission – Joanne Campbell

Council on Aging – Lindsay Higgins

Recreation Commission – Lindsay Higgins

Golf & Ski Authority – Mark Gaffney

Handicapped Commission – Joanne Campbell

Historical Commission – Darlene Mercer Bruen

Housing Authority – Edward Tedesco

Redevelopment Authority – Richard Gately

School Committee – Michael Concannon

School Building Committee – Michael Anderson

Woburn Public Library – Mark Gaffney

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICIALS**

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION:** Five (5) members - Woburn residents, at least one a Ward 3 resident and one a Ward 4 resident – three year terms - Terms commence January – Appointed by the Mayor subject to City Council confirmation – Contact: Mayor

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

**BIOMEDICAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** four year terms; 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 – expired 5/31/2015  
Edward S. Robertson – expired 5/31/2015  
John J. Ryan III – expired 5/31/2016  
John D. Ray – expires 5/31/2017  
Daniel Parrish – expired 5/31/2015  
Sheila McElhiney - Alternate Member – expired – 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.

John M. Sawyer- Chairman – expires 3/18/2017  
Joseph McDonough – expired 3/30/2016  
Catherine B. Shaughnessy – expires 3/30/2017  
Christopher Kisiel - expired 4/1/2009  
Alfred Autenzio - expires 4/1/2019

**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 (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Mark Gaffney (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Edward Tedesco (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
Alderman Richard Haggerty (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
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 – expired 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 – expired 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  
Pasquale DeFeo, Jr. (Revere) – expires 6/1/2019

**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 12/31/2018  
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  
Miles Collins – expires 12/31/2017  
Vincent Simeone – expires 12/31/2017  
Margaret Casey – expires 12/31/2018  
Barbara Ridley – expires 12/31/2016  
Geraldine Benecke – expires 12/31/2017  
Mary Foley – expires 12/31/2018  
Vacancy – expired 12/31/2015  
Vacancy – expired 12/31/2015

**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 – expires 7/31/2018  
Lorraine Malloy – expires 7/31/2018  
Deborah B. King – expired 7/31/2014  
Nancy N. Canty – expired 7/31/2014  
Stanley Malvarosa – expires 7/31/2018  
Connie McGilvary – expires 7/31/2018  
Sondi B. Stanton – expires 7/31/2018

**GOLF AND SKI AUTHORITY**: six-year term; Mayor with 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-expired 12/31/2015  
Richard Lynch – expires 12/31/2016  
Joseph A. DiMatteo – 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  
Charles Doherty – City Auditor (effective July 25, 2015)  
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 – expired 3/2/2016  
Jennifer Murray – expired 6/15/2013  
Patricia A. Rossetti – expired 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.

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

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

Carol Seitz Chair – expires 5/31/2017  
Darlene Wigton – expires 5/31/2018  
Helen Morley – expires 12/31/2016  
Sue Ellen Martin – expired 5/31/2016  
Allen Hill – expires 5/31/2018  
Robert Callahan – expired 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. Feeny – 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 – expired 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 – expired 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.

Vacancy

**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 12/31/2017  
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 – expired 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.

Michael J. Martini, Chairman - (Mayor's appointment) – expired 10/11/2012  
Kevin Lonergan, (Mayor's appointment)-expires 12/31/2020  
Paul Tobin (City Council appointment) – expires 4/1/2018  
Eugene Demers (City Council appointment) – expired 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 – expired 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.

Al Magro – expired 3/30/2016  
Joseph A. Palmisano – expires June 30, 2018  
William C. Campbell, Clerk – by virtue of holding office of City Clerk  
Vacancy

**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.

Charles Doherty– by virtue of holding office of City Auditor  
Denis P. Devine, Chair – expires 12/31/2016  
Marilou E. Lundin – expires 11/8/2017  
Michael J. Gorman – expires 1/1/2018  
Gerald W. Surette – serves at Mayor's pleasure

**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, 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 (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Lindsay Higgins (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
Alderman Michael Anderson (7/1/2015-1/4/2016); Alderman Joanne Campbell (1/4/2016-6/30/2016)  
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, no Council confirmation; expires April 30<sup>th</sup>

Lawrence Guisepppe – expired 4/30/2016

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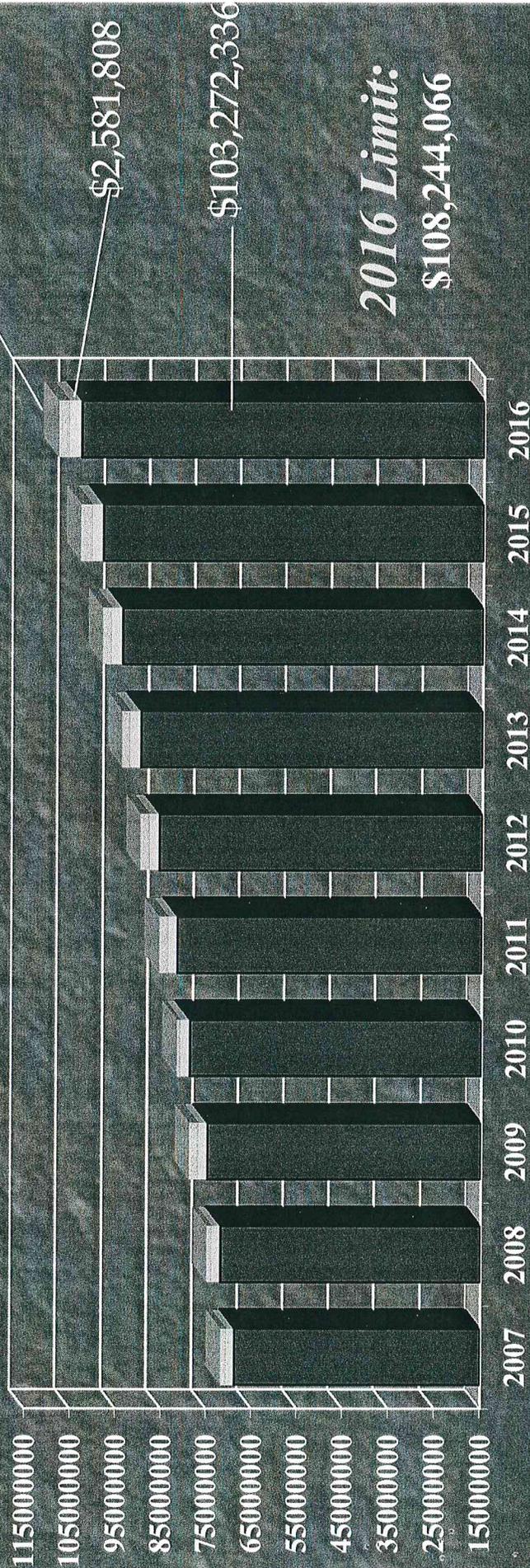
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# Analysis of Levy Limit

## Fiscal 2007 – 2016

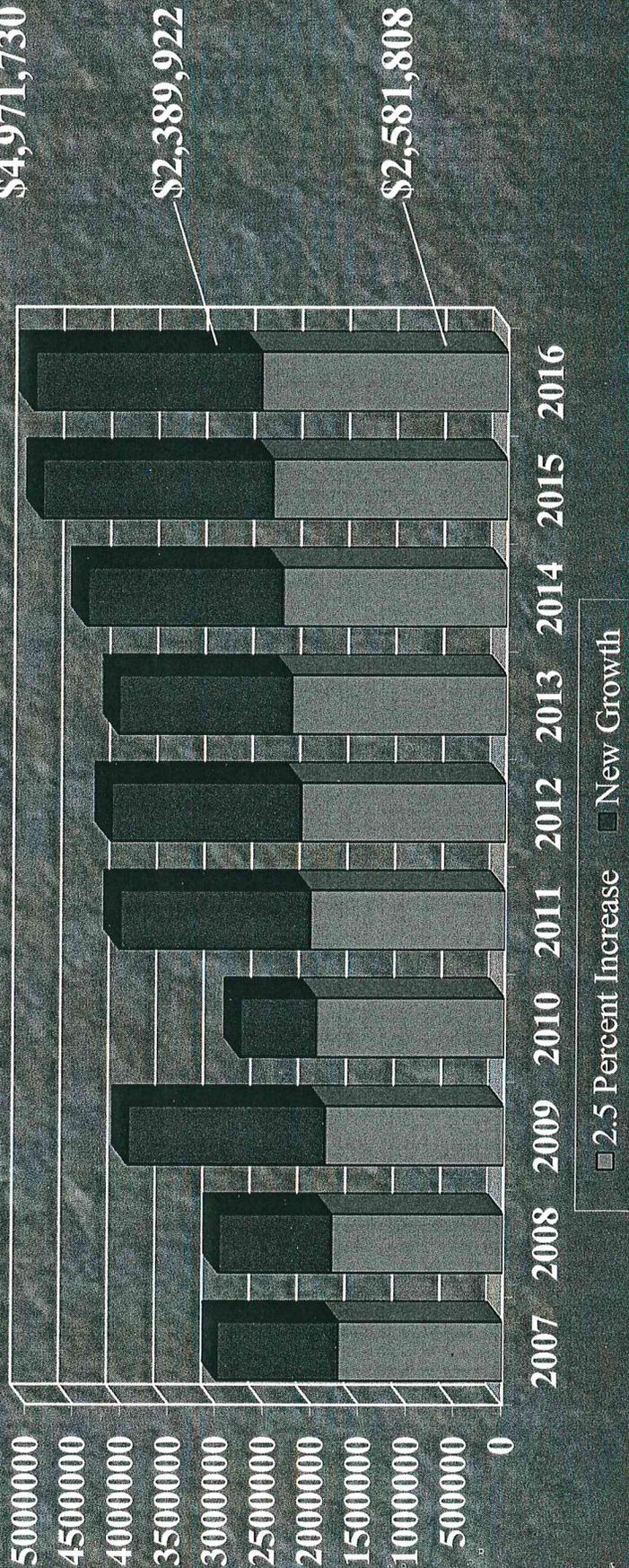


Prior Year Levy
  2.5 Percent Increase
  New Growth

# Analysis of Levy Limit Increase

## Fiscal 2007 - 2016

TOTAL  
INCREASE  
 \$4,971,730



the city of  
**WOBURN**  
*massachusetts*

Fiscal 2016 New Growth

Analysis of Components



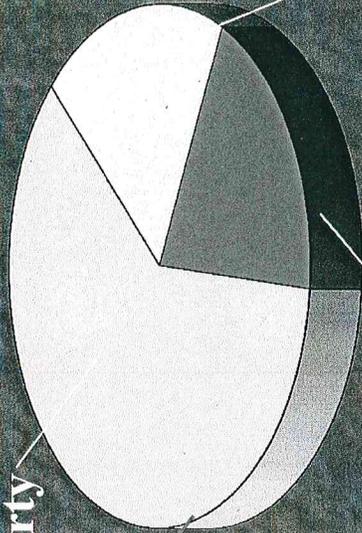
2016 Levy Limit

■ Prior Year Levy   ■ 2.5 Percent Increase   ■ New Growth

New growth : \$2,389,922

Personal Property

60%



Residential

20%

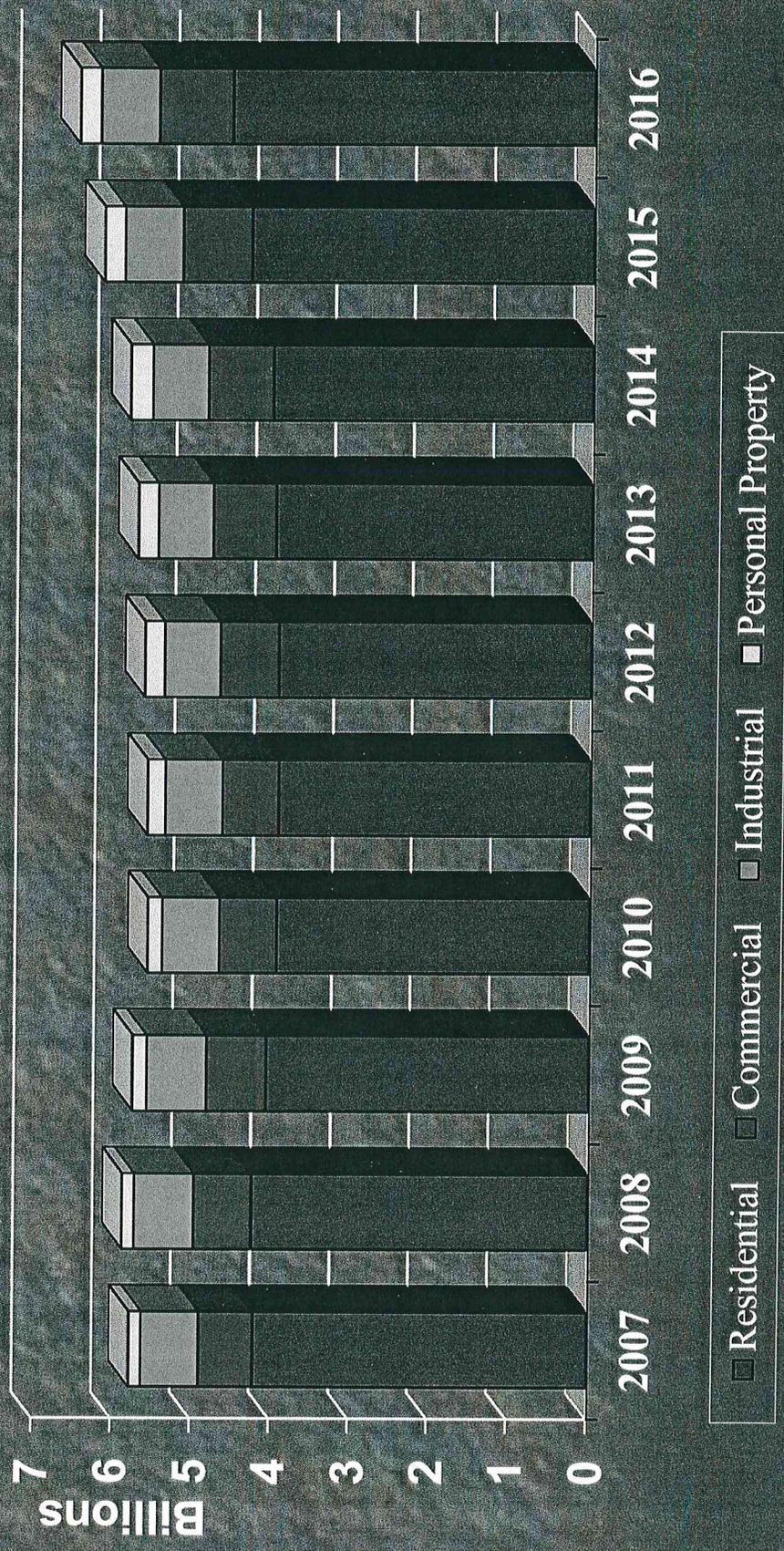
Com. & Ind.

20%

the city of  
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Valuation by Class of Property

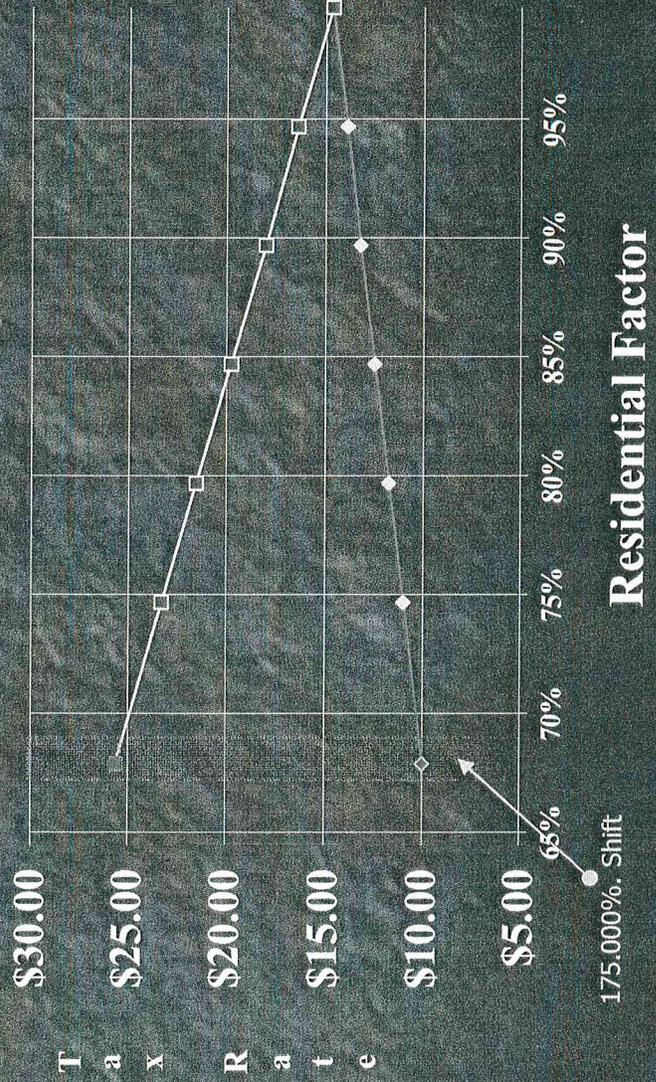
Fiscal 2007 - 2016



# 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

the city of  
**WOBURN** *massachusetts*

Median Sales Price of  
 Single Family Homes

Quarterly 2011 - 2014



Boston Metro Area
  Woburn

## Analysis of Competitive Communities Fiscal 2016 Classification Hearing

Community	Residential		CIP		Residential		CIP		Average Residential Tax Bill '16
	Tax Rate '15	Tax Rate '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 Appeals

Annual Report from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

### Members

Margaret M. Pinkham, Chair  
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:

44	Petitions heard
0	Denied
38	Granted
1	Leave to Withdraw
2	Continued
2	Extension
1	40B Project (in process)

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Bergeron George,  
Clerk of Board of Appeals

## Cemetery Commission

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners, in compliance with the City Ordinances, herewith submits the Annual Report for the fiscal year 2016.

### Organization

John Sawyer, Chair  
Catherine Shaughnessy  
Alfred Autenzio

Christopher T. Kisiel  
Joseph McDonough

During fiscal year 2016 there were 196 interments from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Income from Interments.....	\$118,600.00
Sales of new lots and graves .....	\$ 51,500.00
New endowments of lots and graves .....	\$ 53,000.00
Foundations constructed .....	\$ 7,690.00
Canopy rental for funerals .....	\$ 1,950.00
Overtime from funerals.....	\$ 19,650.00
Misc.....	\$ 20,650.00
 Total Income .....	 \$273,040.00

There was a great deal of activity at Woodbrook Cemetery in FY2016. 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 projects for FY2016 was the final 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 roadways had not been up-graded in almost 20 years and the Board is please 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,  
John Sawyer, Chairman  
Board of Cemetery Commissioners