

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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This is the second year since the fiscal year 2006 conversion to a quarterly tax system. As a reminder, you will pay one quarter of the taxes each in August, November, February, and May. The August and November payments will be estimated tax payments based on the prior year's value. The fiscal tax rate will be set, and the February bill will be based on the ACTUAL fiscal assessments. This of course changes the abatement application deadline to the first business day in February. The key reason that the Town is making this change is to make the flow of money more uniform, thus making it easier to plan for expenses throughout the year.

The town's web site ([www.townofbolton.com](http://www.townofbolton.com)) is an excellent resource, and contains an abundance of town government information, town calendar, schedules, agendas, minutes, forms and links to other pertinent sites. The assessing department has added extensive assessing and related information. The goal is to provide most if not all of the data that was previously available at the Assessors office. Application forms may be downloaded for printing. Assessing maps may be viewed and printed as desired, and all assessments are available. It is even now possible to look up deeds directly from the Worcester Registry of Deeds web page. We have the self service "Counter CAMA" computer at the assessors counter to look up the above information. Of course, anyone may still obtain the information in the Town Hall.

This is the third year of implementing the new Supplemental Real Estate Tax. The Supplemental Tax program now taxes a home from its date of completion rather than wait until the following fiscal year. This seems to be a more equitable system of tax since persons living in a home and using town resources ought to contribute their fair share. The supplemental tax is only for the increase in value over the past year, and is from the date of occupancy until the end of the fiscal year.

Each summer the Assessors conduct interior inspections, on a rotational one-sixth of the residential parcels as required by the State. The value of the town increased from \$877,046,810 to \$961,378,148. The tax rate decreased from \$13.97 to \$13.56.

Real estate tax exemptions are available for persons qualifying as: veterans, the elderly and surviving spouses/minors, and the blind; as well as tax deferrals for property owners who meet State requirements. Please note that Bolton provides for up to a doubling of the base tax exemption amount. This occurs in incremental steps as the eligible person's overall tax obligations increase. Please contact the Assessors Office for more information and applications.

<b>Financial Statement</b>		
July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006		
<b>Salaries</b>		
Appropriated		\$58,344.00
Transfer to Purchase of Services		32,000.00
Expended		<u>20,233.40</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund		\$ 6,110.60
<b>Wages</b>		
Appropriated		\$31,809.00
Expended		<u>\$34,702.44</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund		\$ (2,893.44)
<b>Expenses</b>		
Appropriated		\$18,380.00
Transfer from Salary		<u>\$32,000.00</u>
		\$50,380.00
Expended	Purchase of Services	\$34,915.49
	Supplies	1,276.61
	Worcester Registry of Deeds	120.00
	Software Support	1,500.00
	Dues/membership	192.00
	Meeting expense	0.00
	Instate travel	405.88
	Training	460.20
		<u>38,870.18</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund		\$11,509.82
<b>GISmap</b>		
GIS Article 7, 11/98		\$10,562.01
Expended		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Unexpended balance		\$10,562.01

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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		
A. Appropriations		\$15,597,277.53
(col.(b) through col.(e))		
B. Other Amounts To Be Raised		
<b>1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
<b>2. Debt and interest charges not included in Schedule B</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>3. Final court judgments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>4. Total overlay deficits of prior years</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>5. Total cherry sheet offsets</b>		<b>\$4,566.00</b>
<b>6. Revenue deficits snow and sand</b>	<b>\$246,235.21</b>	
<b>7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>8. Worcester County Retirement System and Snow/Sand</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	
Total B (Total Lines 1 through 8)		\$250,801.21
C. State and County Cherry Sheet Charges		\$14,532.00

