

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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The Town of Bolton unveiled a new web site (www.townofbolton.com) over the summer of 2004. On that site the Assessing department has added extensive assessing and related information. The goal is to provide most if not all of the data that you normally have gone to the Assessors office for. 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. Please take a look and let us know if there is any other data that you would like to see. We also now offer the self service “Counter CAMA” computer at the Assessors counter to look up the above information, as well as, web surf. Of course, anyone may still obtain the information in the Town Hall.

In 2004, Bolton, like many other towns across the Commonwealth, began implementing the Supplemental Real Estate Tax. What this does is to now tax 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 somebody 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.

As an advanced notice, please remember that starting in FY2006, the town will convert from a semi-annual tax system to a quarterly tax system. Instead of paying property taxes in November and May for the fiscal year, the taxes will be further divided and you will pay one quarter of the taxes each in August, November, February, and May. The tax rate will be set in November or December, so the August and November payments will be estimated taxes. The first tax bill based on the ACTUAL assessments will be the February one. 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 even, thus making it easier to plan for expenses throughout the year. More information of these changes will be provided as we approach FY2006.

The Assessors have conducted interior inspections of one-sixth of the town this year as required by the state. The value of the town increased from \$811,115,710 to 833,913,162. The tax rate increased from \$12.72 to \$13.24.

Real estate tax exemptions are available for persons as: qualifying 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 the Town of Bolton provides for up to a doubling of the base tax exemption amount. This occurs in incremental steps as the eligible person’s tax burden increases. Please contact the Assessors Office for more information and applications.

**Financial Statement
July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004**

Salaries
Appropriated

\$54,256.00

Expended			<u>\$39,418.80</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			\$14,837.20

Wages

Appropriated			\$26,266.00
Expended			<u>\$25,037.98</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			\$ 1,228.02

Expenses

Appropriated			\$33,434.00
Expended	Supplies		\$2,150.07
	Purchase of Services	\$2,253.94	
	Software Support	4,275.95	
	Dues/membership	260.00	
	Instate travel	356.50	
	Training	94.00	
	Postage	16.22	<u>\$9406.68</u>
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			\$24,027.32

GISmap

Appropriated			\$ 4,502.00
GIS Article 7, 11/98			11,602.00
GIS FY03 Encumbered/Carryover			<u>8,501.00</u>
			\$24,605.00
Expended			<u>\$ 2,051.60</u>
Unexpended balance			\$22,553.40
FY04 encumbered/Carryover			
Unexpended balance returned to general fund			

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
Town Meeting Dates	FY	Total Appropriations of Each Mtg.	From Raise & Appropriate (Tax Levy)	From Free Cash See B-1	From Other Available Funds See B-2	From Offset Receipts and/or Enterprise Funds See A-1 See A-2	Memo Only Borrowing Authorization
11/16/02	2003	\$223,684.00	\$0.00	\$223,684.00			
5/19/03	2004	\$15,069,070.95	\$13,655,429.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$413,641.95		(\$1,200,000.00)
7/01/03	2004	(\$1,069,202.00)	(\$1,069,202.00)				
7/01/03	2004	(\$43,701.00)	(\$43,701.00)				

(Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts (Schedule A) or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered as gross number to avoid duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.)

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

A. Appropriations		\$14,179,851.95
	(col.(b) through col.(e))	
B. Other Amounts To Be Raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	\$ 0.00	
2. Debt and interest charges not included in Schedule B	0.00	
3. Final court judgments	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	\$1,417.71	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets	\$3,446.00	
6. Revenue deficits snow and sand	\$86,930.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. Worcester County Retirement System and Snow/Sand	\$ 0.00	
Total B (Total Lines 1 through 8)		\$91,795.71
C. State and County Cherry Sheet Charges		\$14,184.00
D. Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions		\$156,538.55
E. Total Amount To Be Raised		\$14,444,370.21

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

A. Estimated Receipts - State		
1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$777,034.00	
2. Cherry Sheet Over Estimates	0.00	
Total A (Total Lines 1 and 2)		\$777,034.00

B. Estimated Receipts - Local

1. Local Receipts Not Allocated	\$989,000.00
2. Offset Receipts	0.00
3. Enterprise Funds	0.00

Total B (Total Lines 1 through 3) \$989,000.00

C. Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes

1. Free Cash	\$1,223,684.00
2. Other Available Funds	\$413,641.95

Total C (Total Lines 1 and 2) \$1,637,325.95

D. Other Revenue Sources Appropriated Specifically to Reduce the Tax Rate

1. Free Cash...Date of Appropriation	\$0.00
2. Municipal Light Source	0.00
3. Other Source (specify)	0.00

Total Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources \$3,403,359.95

TAX RATE SUMMARY

A. Total Amount to be Raised \$14,444,370.21

B. Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources \$3,403,359.95

C. Tax Levy (IA minus IB) \$11,041,010.26

D. Distribution of Tax Rates & Levies X Classified

— Unclassified

Tax Rate: \$13.24