

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURERS

To protect the citizens of Wellesley from possible fraudulent sales practices, the Sealer of Weights and Measurers is charged with the responsibility of inspecting the accuracy of all scales, gasoline pumps, price scanning devices, and other measuring devices used to determine the sale price of goods sold within the town.

With the rapid rise in fuel prices, particular attention was paid to verify the accuracy of gasoline pumps this year. All gasoline pumps within the town were tested and adjusted to zero tolerance as necessary, and sealed to prohibit meter tampering and fuel oil trucks garaged within the Town were also tested for accuracy and sealed. Additionally, scales used by super markets and pharmacies were also tested for accuracy and sealed.

During the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, few consumers raised questions regarding the accuracy of devices, and all questions raised were investigated and appropriate action was taken. In all cases, only minor inaccuracies and/or deficiencies were found, some in favor of the vendor and some in favor of the consumer and appropriate adjustments were made and none warranted the issuance of civil penalties

Although the position of Sealer of Weights and Measures is part-time, Massachusetts General Law requires that the Division of Standards, which requires continuing education and training, certify the Sealer of Weights and measurers. Additionally, the Division of Standards continues to require additional and more complex record keeping and reports on an annual basis.

I am again pleased to report that no deceptive practices, evidence of tampering of sealed devices, or fraudulent practices have been found within the Town, and no tolerance discrepancies observed warranted the issuance of civil penalties.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonita Legassie
Sealer of Weights and Measurers