

three local cemeteries, fifteen (15) memorial monuments and numerous funerals over the past year with assistance from Wellesley veterans and private service organizations.

Veterans Monuments

We have fifteen (15) monuments erected in the memory of Wellesley veterans which require care, maintenance and honor. We are still searching for Wellesley residents who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War to add to the new memorial placed in front of the Town Hall.

Veterans' Parade

As a former member of the Wellesley Celebrations Committee provided advice and counsel in the planning and operation of the Town of Wellesley's annual Veterans' Parade now held the third Sunday in May.

Veterans Day

The Department is responsible for the administration, support and function of the Town's annual Veterans Day observances. Ceremonies were held in the Great Hall of the Wellesley Town Hall at 11:00 A.M. on November 11th with the assistance of Wellesley veterans.

Veterans Organizations

As the Wellesley Veterans' Council Secretary attends their monthly meetings to render guidance and assistance in planning and implementing ceremonies and veterans functions.

Also a member of the American Legion, American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, 82nd Airborne Division Association and the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board continued the real and personal property re-inspection program as part of the computerized mass appraisal system, otherwise known as the "CAMA" system. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Bureau of Local Assessment certifies the assessors office and they set a goal of inspecting every home at least once in a ten year cycle. Due to town wide budget and staffing reductions over the years, these services are now put out for bids. Tyler Technologies / Cole Layer Trumble was awarded the contract for the past three years.

Total assessed values for each major class of properties, the number of parcels, and their share of the Tax Levy are shown below:

Class	Parcel Count	Valuation	Percentage of Levy
Residential	8,117	\$7,073,527,000	89.58%
Commercial	246	759,751,000	9.63

Personal Property	814	62,710,000	.79
TOTAL	9,177	\$7,895,988,000	100.00%

The tax rate for fiscal year 2005 was \$8.40/1,000 of valuation. The levy limit was \$66,326,547 and the Town levied \$66,326,299. The levy included three debt exclusion totaling \$2,315,519 and new growth of \$1,116,335. There were 140 tax abatement applications for the fiscal year and 71 were granted some adjustment in their assessed value and corresponding abatement.

The total Statutory Exemptions for fiscal year 2005 were:

Exemption Type	Count	Total Tax Amount
Clause 22 – Veterans	110	\$41,304
Clause 37 – Blind	21	\$10,500
Clause 41A – Deferral	49	\$241,928
Clause 41C – Elderly	44	\$33,000
Community Preservation Exemption	72	\$2,756
Senior Work Program	10	\$7,303

Taxpayers experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to consult with the assessors office to determine eligibility for deferrals and exemptions as options to allow them to remain in their homes.

The total number of Motor Vehicle Excise Bills issued in fiscal 2005 was, 14,232 which generated \$3,779,081 in tax receivables.

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Respectfully submitted,
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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH
 July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005**

DEPARTMENT MISSION

The mission of the Wellesley Board of Health (BOH) is to protect and improve the health and quality of life of the Town's residents and workforce. Under the supervision and guidance of the elected Board of Health, the Health Department's professional staff assesses the public health needs of the Wellesley community and addresses those needs by providing communicable disease surveillance and prevention, health promotion initiatives and public health nursing services. Other important functions include promulgating and enforcing local