

Annual Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

The responsibility of Sealer of Weights and Measures is to inspect and seal all measuring devices used in retail sales transactions to ensure that both the citizens and merchants of Wellesley are both protected from errors and/or fraudulent sales practices. Devices requiring inspection include scales, gasoline pumps, price scanners, bottle return machines and fuel oil trucks garaged with the town. Random inspections of fuel oil trucks delivering oil to Wellesley homes and business are also made during the actual delivery process to ensure that truck meters are properly sealed and state required records are in order.

Annual device testing is accomplished using town owned equipment certified for accuracy by the Massachusetts Division of Standards. Our equipment allows the testing of supermarket scales to an accuracy of less than one one-hundredth of a pound and pharmacy and jewelry scales to fractions of a gram. Additionally, gas pump testing equipment allows for accuracy of .005%.

As a result of tight tolerances achieved through annual testing, during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30 2008, few questions were raised regarding the accuracy of the sales process. All complaints and/or questions regarding the accuracy of scales or pumps were investigated and appropriate corrective action was taken when necessary.

I am again pleased to report that no deceptive business practices or evidence of tampering with sealed measuring devices was found, and all Wellesley businesses were extremely cooperative during inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
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Sealer of Weights and Measures