

## **Report of the Board of Assessors**

The Board of Assessors and I would like to thank the Assessing Office staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year. The efforts of the staff allowed us to accomplish each of our goals this year. We would also like to welcome Robert Curran Jr. and Kwan Soo Kim as new members to the Board of Assessors.

This year, the town saw a decrease in residential property values. The average single family home assessment dropped from \$235,600 last year to this year's average of \$233,500.

The Board of Assessors and the Assessors Office staff conducted the Fiscal Year 2014 Interim Year Adjustment on all real estate and personal property. On November 30th, the Board received final certification of the assessed values from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue.

At the annual Tax Classification hearing held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Town Council adopted a tax classification shift of 1.59%. The shift adopted by the Council resulted in a residential tax rate for Fiscal Year 2014 of \$18.17 per thousand dollars of assessed value. The resulting commercial/industrial tax rate for FY2014 is \$32.11 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

I have tremendously enjoyed working with everyone over the past year and look forward to a productive new year.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Peppe, Board Member  
Robert Curran Jr., Board Member  
Kwan Soo Kim, Board Member  
Jolanta R. Briffett, Principal Assessor