

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

The West Bridgewater Board of Assessors advises residents that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's Bureau of Accounts has approved and certified the town's tax rates for Fiscal Year 2017. According to the Board of Assessors, the new rates will represent an equitable distribution of the tax burden for Fiscal Year 2017.

The Residential Tax Rate will be \$17.73 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This is a \$.27 decrease from the residential tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016.

The Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property (CIP) Tax Rate has been set at \$28.68 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This is a \$.45 decrease from Fiscal Year 2016.

Tax bills are expected to be mailed by December 30, 2016. First payment is due February 1, 2017. Second payment is due May 1, 2017.

Applications for abatement must be filed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2017.

If you have not already applied, residents who qualify for certain statutory exemptions, such as disabled veterans, elderly persons, blind persons, and widows or widowers, may apply for these exemptions at this time. The deadline for filing for the exemptions is April 1, 2017 or 3 months after the actual tax bill is mailed whichever is later. Community Preservation Act exemption applications are also available at the Assessors Office. Any questions regarding qualifications for property tax exemptions may be directed to the Assessors Office at 508-894-1212. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday.