



**TOWN OF WESTFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL
55 MAIN STREET
WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01886**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING
TAX CLASSIFICATION POLICY
FISCAL YEAR 2017**

The Westford Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the matter of

CLASSIFICATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

in Westford for the purpose of taxation during Fiscal Year 2017, on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:35 PM at Town Hall Meeting Room, Second Floor, 55 Main Street, Westford, MA.

The Selectmen are required under State law to hold a public hearing prior to the establishment of tax rates for various classes of property each year. Options available to the Selectmen are: 1). A single uniform property tax rate for all classes of property, or; 2). A split tax rate which shifts the tax burden between Residential/Open Space properties and Commercial, Industrial, and Personal Property classes; 3). And an option of a Residential Exemption, and/or Small Commercial Exemption, and/or an Open Space Exemption, or no Exemptions; 4). Or a combination of Options 1 and 3 above, or a combination of Options 2 and 3 above. **This hearing is pending certification from the Department of Revenue and will require a second hearing to finalize the FY 2017 tax rate.**

For more information on Tax Classification, please contact the Office of the Town Manager. The Board will accept written and oral comments on the Tax Classification Policy at the public hearing.

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