

CREDITS

Lamson Park Playground - Starting with a 2014 Annual Town Meeting vote to purchase new equipment and relocate Tavernside Playground to Lamson Park away from the busy Boston Post Road, the journey towards breaking ground was a long one for a new playground. Tavernside, built in 1994 with wooden equipment suitable for children ages 3 - 7 years, had a max lifespan of 18 years, so an update was needed. The first bump in the road came with the retirement of longtime Recreation Director Doug MacDougall shortly after the Town Meeting approval. New Recreation Director Chris Fitzgerald jumped right in by the middle of 2015.

Working with members from the community and a playground architect, plans were developed and included additional equipment to accommodate children aged 8-12 years; however, dramatic grade changes and handicap accessibility requirements created a footprint that was larger and intruded more into the open space than what was originally shown to Town Meeting. In an effort to be upfront with residents, the Recreation Commission came to Special Town Meeting in 2015 with a small funding request in order to show the new plans. This request failed with several residents saying it was too large and did not fit in with the valued openness of the Town Green area.

Working with the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, and various community groups, members of the Recreation Commission continued to work at a compromise design plan that would fit in the natural landscape of Lamson Park yet still accommodate a broad age range for children; however, a group of residents petitioned the Selectmen for a single article Special Town Meeting in February 2016 to move the playground to the newly acquired Case Estates, instead. This request resoundingly failed with the clear message that a playground in the Town Center is vital and necessary to the community and the various committees and groups should continue to work through a compromise in the design.

The playground finally broke ground later in 2016, only to encounter soil contaminants from a use that was not ever known to the Town. The site was remediated under the supervision of a Licensed Site Professional and Activity and Use Limitations were placed. Construction started back up again in 2017. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 14th with many members of the community, including business sponsors, Weston Community Children's Association, Weston Dad's Foundation, and Women's Community League joining in the celebration.

Since the original 2014 vote, the Recreation Department has been receiving many gift donations to put towards the playground. The amount received at the close of 2017 was \$116,500.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Many of the photographs found in this year's annual report were supplied by the committee and department members for their reports. The additional photographs that capture the different events of the year, as well as the different aspects of Weston, were supplied by:

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STATISTICS

	Year Ending 30-Jun-17	Year Ending 30-Jun-16	Year Ending 30-Jun-15	Year Ending 30-Jun-14
Population (1)	11,389	11,472	11,391	11,581
Number of Voters (1)	7,632	7,943	7,907	7,455
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,669	3,657	3,661	3,661
School Membership (3)	2,057	2,111	2,139	2,206
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 5,952,190,900	\$ 5,811,898,500	\$ 5,811,898,500	\$ 5,565,225,800
Valuation of Personal Property	\$ 63,924,000	\$ 49,587,500	\$ 49,587,500	\$ 47,233,400
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 6,016,114,900	\$ 5,941,014,800	\$ 5,861,486,000	\$ 5,612,459,200
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 12.40	\$ 12.16	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.73
Town Debt	\$ 86,961,758.00	\$ 85,069,900.00	\$ 87,927,000.00	\$ 71,425,000.00

	Year Ending 30-Jun-13	Year Ending 30-Jun-12	Year Ending 30-Jun-11	Year Ending 30-Jun-10
Population (1)	11,580	11,608	11,478	11,475
Number of Voters (1)	7,611	7,747	7,635	7,740
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,640	3,632	3,619	3,615
School Membership (3)	2,281	2,322	2,304	2,315
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 5,292,759,000	\$ 5,151,565,800	\$ 5,183,632,300	\$ 5,222,126,200
Valuation of Personal Property	\$ 48,169,200	\$ 43,864,400	39,840,500	38,678,600
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 5,340,928,200	\$ 5,195,430,200	\$ 5,223,472,800	\$ 5,260,804,800
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 12.40	\$ 12.11	\$ 11.39	\$ 11.10
Town Debt	\$ 74,723,333.00	\$ 62,474,331.00	\$ 67,690,004.00	\$ 57,744,457

	Year Ending 30-Jun-09	Year Ending 30-Jun-08	Year Ending 30-Jun-07	Year Ending 30-Jun-06
Population (1)	11,227	11,134	10,875	10,983
Number of Voters (1)	7,742	7,301	6,555	6,978
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,589	3,589	3,597	3,596
School Membership (3)	2,332	2,349	2,363	2,345
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 5,197,227,100	\$ 5,138,040,100	\$ 5,071,256,200	\$ 4,986,192,400
Valuation of Personal Property	34,784,600	34,222,500	30,951,200	27,680,200
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 5,232,011,700	\$ 5,172,262,600	\$ 5,102,207,400	\$ 5,013,872,600
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 11.02	\$ 10.67	\$ 10.26	\$ 9.95
Town Debt	\$ 58,214,199	\$ 64,414,933	\$ 67,291,666	\$ 66,264,399

(1) Population is as of January 1. The number of registered voters is as of December 31 of corresponding year
(2) Does not include 93 units at Norumbega Pt., 62 units in Merriam Village, and 75 units in Brook School Apts.
(3) Average membership as of October 1 of corresponding year

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

As of December 31, 2017

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	<u>Terms Expire</u>		<u>Terms Expire</u>
Board of Assessors		Measurers of Lumber	
Gary C. Koger, Chair	2018	James Barry	2018
John Hennessey	2020	Sandy Kendall	2018
Phyllis R. Kominz	2018	Mike Nurczynski	2018
Tamilyn M. Liesenfeld	2020		
Paul L. Zorfass	2019	Moderator	
		Thomas S. Crane	2018
Board of Health		Planning Board	
David R. Kominz, M.D., Chair	2020	Alfred L. Aydelott, Chair	2019
Karl Benedict	2019	Roy Chatalbash	2018
Elisabeth DiPietro, M.D.	2018	Anthony Flynn	2020
		Stephen R. Oppenheimer	2022
Board of Library Trustees		Susan Jane Zacharias	2021
Doris A. Sullivan, Chair	2019		
Joel Angiolillo	2018	Recreation Commission	
Emily Hutcheson	2019	Matthew Schulman, Chair	2019
Denise Mosher	2018	Michelle Callanan	2018
Joseph W. Mullin	2020	Franz Loeber	2018
Julie D. Panagakos	2020	Elly D. Pendergast	2020
		Eric Rosenthal	2020
Board of Selectmen		Victoria A. Whalen	2019
Douglas P. Gillespie, Chair	2019	Xinsheng Zhu	2020
Harvey R. Boshart, Clerk	2020		
Christopher E. Houston	2018	School Committee	
		Danielle Black, Chair	2020
Commissioners of Trust Funds		John E. Henry, Vice Chair	2018
David Glen	2018	Alexander R. Cobb	2018
Ann Morgan	2019	Edward E. Heller	2019
Janell Phillips	2019	Sanjay Saini	2019

APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

as of December 31, 2017

Animal Control Officer	Rachel Hoffman
Assessor	Eric R. Josephson
Assistant Town Manager and Human Resources Director	Lisa J. Yanakakis
Brook School Apartments Manager	Sara P. Dosamantes
Cemeteries and Parks Supervisor, Public Works	John Zaccardi
Community Preservation Committee Administrator	Tracey A. Lembo
Conservation Administrator	Michele L. Grzenda
Constable to Serve Civil Process	Robert P. Millian, Jr.
Council on Aging, Executive Director	Mignonne M. Murray
East Middlesex Mosquito Control Commission, Weston's Representative	Richard E. Sullivan
Facilities Director, Town-Wide	Gary E. Jarobski
Facilities Deputy Director, Town-Wide	Timothy DeMartin
Fields and Grounds Coordinator, Town-wide	Ben Polimer
Finance Director/Town Accountant	Susan D. Kelley
Fire Chief, Forest Warden and Director of Emergency Management	David B. Soar
Highway and Stormwater Supervisor	Kenneth Calder
Information Systems Manager (Municipal)	Tracy L. Sullivan
Inspector of Buildings/Land Use Coordinator	John F. Field
Library Director	Susan W. Brennan
Parks and Cemeteries Supervisor, Public Works	John Zaccardi
Parking Clerk	Dianne M. Poole
Police Chief and Keeper of Lockup	Michael J. Goulding
Public Health Director	Wendy Diotalevi
Public Works, Director of Operations and Tree Warden	Thomas C. Cullen
Public Works, Deputy Director of Operations	Richard E. Sullivan
Recreation Director	Christopher J. Fitzgerald
Technology Director, Schools and Town-Wide Network	Lee McCanne
Town Clerk	Deborah M. Davenport
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige, P.C.
Town Engineer	Stephen R. Fogg
Town Manager	Donna S. VanderClock
Town Planner	Imaikalani P. Aiu
Treasurer/Collector	Peter Forcellese
Veterans' Services Director	Sarada S. Kalpee
Water Superintendent, Public Works	David L. Fava
Zoning Board of Appeals Assistant	Noreen H. Stockman